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SPORTS

Photography exhibit focused on farming

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PALMER — Over the weekend, the Springfield Photographic Society, a club made up of people who share a similar interest in photography, hosted a public reception, for their month-long exhibit, “Agriculture in New England,” at the Palmer Public Library.

In 2019, a year after hosting their first major exhibit at The Big E, the club was approached by the management of company, and asked to put together a photo exhibit depicting agriculture in New England. After receiving this request, the club began to put a collage of agricultural photos together. “At the time, we really didn’t have close up pictures of the various topics that we needed to cover,” said Kevin Fay, president of SPS. “Because of this, we organized a number of club trips each weekend. We went out to one farm after the next, capturing pictures of all aspects of agriculture in New England. A lot of the trips were organized by The Big E, who had contacts in the farming community, so we were able to get inside these farms, some cases inside the pens with the animals, that you couldn’t have otherwise done, so it really resulted in some really high quality pictures.”

At the reception, which took place in the community room of the library, on Saturday, Jan 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., over 35 photos from 23 club photographers were displayed. Among the club members is Sylvia Pzyocha, a photographer from Palmer. One of her photographs is titled “Horses,” which captures a team of horses pulling at heavy load at the Belchertown Fair.

“I thought that this photograph would really demonstrate horses from a working point of view,” said Pzyocha. Also, she said that the photograph is also intended to show how the horses and workers both look in motion, to further showcase the nature of working in the field of agriculture. At the exhibit, Pzyocha is also showcasing another photo titled “Chicken & Eggs,” which captures a hen incubating her eggs under the supervision of her baby chicks.

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EDUCATION

New chief credits former top cop as inspiration to join force

By **Michael Ballway**
Staff Writer

PALMER — The town’s next police chief is keenly aware of the department’s history, having lived it, and learned from it, for the past three decades.

“I’m the benefactor of great people who came before me,” Christopher Burns said after being appointed Jan. 13. “Taking over in the Palmer Police Department will be a very easy job, because there were so many people prior to me that were here that did a fabulous job and created a police department that is one that you can be proud of.”

Burns, who currently serves as police lieutenant, the second-in-command, will succeed Chief John Janulewicz when he retires Feb. 1. Burns specifically mentioned three of his former bosses as an inspiration — Janulewicz, former Chief Robert Frydryk, and former Sgt. Scott Haley.

“They showed me how to police with humanity, with compassion, and how to make the community a priority,” Burns said. “They created what we have today.”

He added: “There are some great people in the community and some great people in the Palmer Police Department. They are an example of what selflessness is.”

Asked if there is anything he plans to change about the Palmer Police, Burns said he will pursue a state certification process, to ensure that the department is using the best and latest policing techniques. Certification by the Massachusetts Police Accrediting Commission is a long process, Burns said.

Burns has been a Palmer police officer since 1987, when he joined the auxiliary force. He became a full-time officer in 1990 and a sergeant in 1998. He was appointed acting lieutenant in 2015, and named to that post on a permanent basis two years later.

“He has held every role within the department,” noted Town Administrator Ryan McNutt, who made the decision to offer the job to Burns.

The Town Council voted unanimously on Jan. 13 to confirm Burns’ appointment as chief.

Although Burns has been the second-in-command at Palmer Police for several years, his appointment as chief was not based on seniority. Under state civil service rules,



Police Chief Christopher Burns



Mandie Burns pins the Palmer police chief's badge on incoming Chief Christopher Burns on Jan. 13 while current Police Chief John Janulewicz looks on.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY TYLER S. WITKOP

Naisha Hernandez loads a car from Monson Troop 65060 with the season's supply of Tagalongs and Lemon-Ups.

Cookies by the case

Girl Scout cookies descend upon Western Mass.

By **Tyler S. Witkop**
Staff Writer

Those with a sweet tooth beware: hundreds of area girls hungry for experience will soon flood their communities with a favorite snack.

Area Girl Scout leaders from communities such as Chicopee, Hampden, Monson and Wilbraham descended upon the Eastfield Mall in Springfield to collect their troop's take of the cookies — by the case load.

According to Brandi Barcomb, of Hampden, regional cookie program manager for the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts,

6,840 cases were unloaded from a network of trailers in the mall parking lot on the morning of Jan. 11. Thousands more were dropped at locations in West Springfield, Pepperell and Worcester.

“Everything stays local,” Barcomb said, noting each troop decides how to spend the money it earns during the sale season, ranging from camp experiences to science projects. “The sky’s not the limit,” she added, noting cookies have even made their way into space with astronauts.

The morning ran like clockwork, as troop leaders from specific communities gathered at pre-arranged time slots to pick-up their haul. Upon check-in, Barcomb and her team of volunteers, including her daughter, Sam Budynekiewicz,

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Tantasqua Regional Junior High School students Joseph Roderick, Avery Michael, Leanna Matchmaker, Brooke Fitzgerald and Aaron Dandelion have been selected to serve as Project 351 ambassadors..

Tantasqua chooses five Project 351 ambassadors

By **Jonah Snowden**
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FISKDALE — After showcasing an extreme level of care for people by serving and providing help for others in their local communities, five eighth-grade students, who currently attend Tantasqua Regional Junior High School, have been selected to represent their towns as ambassadors for the statewide group Project 351.

It is a nonprofit organization determined to developing the next generation of community-first leaders through service learning, hands-on community building and values-based learning.

The five students come from Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge, and Wales, while simultaneously sharing the same goal of lending a helping hand to those in need.

Joseph Roderick, who is

Brookfield’s ambassador, was chosen because he is involved in cleaning up on Earth Day, and works closely with his father, Matthew Roderick, who also happens to be a firefighter. Roderick said that while he feels “it’s a big accomplishment” to be chosen as an ambassador, helping the less fortunate is more important. “I think that it [community service] is a good thing,” said Roderick. “It’s something that everyone should do.”

Avery Michalak, from Sturbridge, was chosen for his dedication to teaching local elementary school students a variety of subjects, which include science and mathematics. He is also a member of National Junior Honors Society, and the Student Council. For NJHS, he helped conduct a service day project at Tantasqua Regional High School, which included making blankets

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EDUCATION

Writers Circle helps teens with creative process

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PALMER — Teenagers who are interested in writing, and wish to meet and work with like-minded individuals, are welcome to attend the weekly Teens Writer Circle, hosted at the Palmer Public Library. Young Adult Services Librarian Bridgette Kennedy, whose main responsibility is to create programs for children in grades 6 through 12, created this creative writing club around the time she got hired in October of 2018. Kennedy’s main goal is to bring together teenagers who share a similar passion for writing, and turn it into a skill that could land them a good writing career.

“I was part of a writers circle in college [Merrimack College], and I met a lot of great people, and it really helped me expand my skill in writing, get better, and

have my work critiqued by an audience. It wasn’t just people who critiqued it because I asked them to, it was people who were as invested in the piece as I was,” said Kennedy. “It was a great community, and I wanted that for the young writers here, because they’re all very talented, and I can’t wait to see what they do in the future.”

Also, Kennedy said that based on the other valuable experience that she received at her college writers club, such as author visits, she would like to bring that same opportunity to the library’s teen writers. For now, she said she wants to work on each member’s writing as a peer, and go beyond pointing out what she does and doesn’t like from each person’s work.

Kennedy said that while she likes to acknowledge what each writer is good at, she also wants to help them branch out and work on other aspects of their writing that might need work. An example of this would be a writer that is good at writing characters, but needs



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden

The Teen Writers Circle, which takes place every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., in the libraries Three Rivers Room, is a place for local teenagers with an interest in writing to meet and share ideas with one another. Rachel McNally, Tiffany Ganieany, Bindhi Lambert, and Abigail Sterner, have been in the club since it began.

more work in developing plot and dialogue.

Four members of the writer’s circle, Rachel McNally, Tiffany Ganieany, Bindhi Lambert, and

Abigail Sterner, who are all seventh-graders from Palmer High School, and have been in the club

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Legion Field bleachers razed

By Michael Ballway
Staff Writer

PALMER — There should be enough funds in the town budget to rebuild the bleachers at Legion Field this spring, Town Adminis-

trator Ryan McNutt told the Town Council this week.

In the meantime, the 80-year-old structure across from the former Converse Middle School has been removed.

“Currently, the bleachers at Le-

gion Field are not safe,” he said at the Town Council’s Jan. 13 meeting.

The concrete was cracking, he said. The bleachers had been blocked off with caution tape, but during the recent youth football season, some spectators ignored the tape and sat there.

Taking them down, including site work such as shutting off power to the old press box, cost the town about \$17,000, McNutt said.

“The bleachers were in deplorable condition. They were basically demolishing themselves,” he said. “The contractor just organized it.”

He said he will ask the Town Council in February or March to fund the construction of new bleachers, which are estimated to cost about \$300,000. The money would come either from the stabilization account — the town’s savings account — or free cash. The exact amount to be spent will be determined by a bidding process.

If the money is taken out of stabilization, McNutt said an equal amount can be restored later this year. He said there is a \$400,000 surplus in the Board of Assessors’ overlay account — taxes assessed on property owners to make up for potential tax abate-

ments granted in a fiscal year. The town will be able to re-appropriate these funds for other projects, or for stabilization, in July.

“The point is, we will do it with no impact on the tax rate,” McNutt said.

McNutt said his projected \$300,000 bleachers include a press box and seating for 500. He said he hopes the new bleachers can be built in time for the 2020 football season.

Legion Field, off Converse and Walnut streets, is the home of several Palmer youth sports leagues, including baseball, football, soccer and softball.

At McNutt’s recommendation, the council on Jan. 13 voted to remove the Legion Field earmark on \$100,000 it had placed last year into stabilization. The funds will remain in stabilization but will be available for withdrawal for other projects or emergencies.



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As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Another local member of the club, who had his work displayed at the exhibit, was Dennis Duquette, a photographer from Monson. His photograph was titled “Christmas Trees,” which showcased Randall Ketterman, and his son, Randy Ketterman, in the middle of trimming down two of their 60,000 Christmas trees at their family-owned business, Ket-Tree Farms. When asked about his experience in putting this

photograph together, Duquette said that it was an “enjoyable” experience.

Many guests who came to visit the exhibit said that they were impressed, such as Paul Brozek, a photographer from Belchertown. “It’s wonderful to see a collection of photos that were taken here in Massachusetts,” said Brozek. “I grew up in Three Rivers with grandparents that had a little farm with animals, and to be able to see the type of agriculture that’s going on here is

New England is wonderful.”

With this event Fay said that himself and the rest of the club are looking to have as many people visit as possible, and encourages people to come, not only to observe to photos, but read the write ups that are next to each photo, to learn a little more about agriculture.

To check out the exhibit before it leaves on Jan. 30, visit the Library, located on 1455 N. Main St., Palmer.



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden

The Springfield Photographic Society is currently presenting a photo exhibit titled “Agriculture in New England,” in the Community Room of the Palmer Public Library until Jan 30.

LOCAL Opportunity IS KNOCKING EDITOR POSITION

Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of editor for two of its weekly publications, the *Journal Register*, which covers Palmer and surrounding towns, and the *Ludlow Register*. This full-time position is based in our Palmer office at 24 Water St.

The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills. They must also be able to manage a staff writer, including copy editing and guiding coverage. The editor is also expected to gather news and write stories for the two papers as well as for other companywide publications.

This is a job for a self-starter who has a vision for growing and connecting with our valued readers, and who enjoys community journalism.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Willingness to mentor a staff writer and correspondents
- Own camera and photography experience preferred
- Editing experience and ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
- Proficiency in Associated Press style
- Management experience and/or experience managing content for a print publication.

Please email resume and three writing samples directly to Eileen Kennedy Managing Editor at ekennedy@turley.com.



LOCAL Opportunity IS KNOCKING STAFF WRITER POSITION

Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of staff writer for two of its weekly publications: the *Ware River News*, which covers Ware, Hardwick and Warren, and the *Quabog Current*, which covers the Brookfields, Sturbridge and New Braintree. This full-time position is based in our Ware office at 80 Main St. The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills or the enthusiasm to develop them.

The staff writer will cover municipal meetings, features and general news; essentially everything that unfolds in small towns. Assignments will be for both newspapers as well as other companywide publications.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Own camera and photography experience preferred
- Enthusiasm for community journalism
- Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced environment

Please email resume and three writing samples directly to Eileen Kennedy Managing Editor at ekennedy@turley.com.



Where is it!



This week's hint: It's in Monson and it tells you something every day.



Last week's photo was a Union soldier atop Memorial Hall in downtown Monson.

The answer to this week's “Where is it?” will run in next week's edition, along with a new trivia photo for you to consider.

DEADLINE

The *Journal Register* has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition, email Editor at bcoulter@turley.com or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

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A Valley Eye Radio volunteer reads the Journal Register so those who are blind or visually impaired can enjoy listening to their local paper.

Valley Eye Radio is looking for volunteers

SPRINGFIELD – As a nonprofit affiliate of the MA Reading Network, Valley Eye Radio reads more than 30 different local newspapers and publications, including the Journal Register, for broadcast free of charge to the blind, visually impaired and those who are unable to read independently for themselves due to a disability or other condition.

Valley Eye Radio is in the process of expanding their locally-produced programming and are looking for people who enjoy reading aloud and would be able to donate one hour a week of their time, either at our studios at the WGBY building in downtown Springfield or remotely from their own home, to help their neighbors fight social isolation and stay connected to their local communities.

To do this, Valley Eye Radio need to find additional volunteer readers. Volunteers can be like Jules, a volunteer reader who currently reads the Journal Register for broadcast every Tuesday afternoon for our listeners.

Valley Eye Radio invites everyone to consider joining their volunteer reader family. Please call Harold Anderson, programming coordinator at 413-747-7337 or email harold@valleyeyeradio.org for more information.

For updates on what Valley Eye Radio is up to lately, check out its Facebook and Instagram pages.

Gobi announces grant for Polus Center

BOSTON – State Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) joined the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development in announcing that the Polus Center for Social & Economic Development has been awarded a \$75,000 grant through the fiscal 2020nEmployment Program for Young Adults with Disabilities. Located in Petersham, the Polus Center has more than 35 years of experience designing human service programs and promoting new opportunities for persons with disabilities and victims of conflict in the United States and throughout the world. Today, their primary work in Massachusetts is to help people with disabilities gain the skills, credentials, career-support and work opportunities to help them find competitive employment.

“The Polus Center has made such a positive impact locally and globally,” said Gobi. “This funding will help to bring services to more people who are such important members of our communities and I encourage people to support the work of the Center.”

The Employment Program for Young Adults with Disabilities works to prepare these individuals for employment by providing occupational skills, coaching, and pre/post placement support. The Polus Center, serving the North Central region, proposes to train and place participants in pharmacy technician jobs at both CVS Health and Walgreens. A past recipient of this grant, their program includes technical training and soft skills, and the organization has indicated a desire to partner more closely with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind and the MassHire North Central Career Center in Leominster.

To learn more about the employment program, please contact Jessica Muradian, EOLWD Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Legislative Affairs and Policy at Jessica.Muradian@Mss.gov.

Transcranial magnetic stimulation for depression offered at Baystate Wing

PALMER -- Each year more than 16 million adults in the United States experience major depression.

Depression can drain your energy, hope, and drive, making it difficult to do daily tasks. Even thinking about the things that once made you happy, such as visiting with a friend, going out for dinner, or taking a walk, become unenjoyable, can seem exhausting or impossible to do.

“Major depression is one of the most common mental disorders in the United States,” said Dr. Shadi Zaghoul, medical director for outpatient and inpatient behavioral health at Baystate Wing Hospital.

Common symptoms ranging from insomnia or excessive sleeping, low energy, feelings of worthlessness or guilt, lack of pleasure in most activities or recurring thoughts of death or suicide.

“It’s important for people to know that needing additional help doesn’t mean you’re weak, depression can be treated and you can feel better. If you’ve taken self-help steps and still find your depression getting worse, then you need to seek professional help,” said Zaghoul, noting a first visit should be to your primary care provider.

The treatment plan for depression depends on the severity and type of depression a person is experiencing. Some people benefit from psychotherapy, also called “talk therapy” or just plain therapy, a process where psychological problems are treated through communication and a relationship between an individual and a trained mental health professional. For moderate depression that doesn’t respond to therapy alone, medications are indicated. Other modalities of treatment for moderate and severe depression include transcranial magnetic stimulation,

electroconvulsive therapy and the newly approved nasal formulation of the anesthetic ketamine called Esketamine.

“While medication is often helpful, for people who have not benefited from antidepressant medication, or have experienced challenging side effects, TMS is an FDA-cleared, non-drug, non-invasive medical treatment for patients diagnosed with Major Depression Disorder that has been proven to be safe and effective in treating major depression,” said Zaghoul.

TMS devices operate outside of the body and use a special magnet to stimulate neuron (brain cell) activity and connections between cells in different areas of the brain that are implicated in the development and persistence of depression.

“TMS therapy uses focused magnetic pulses to awaken areas of the brain that are underactive in depression,” said Zaghoul. “By stimulating the release of neurotransmitters and increasing the neurons’ activity, this treatment can result in improved mood. It’s like waking up some of your brain cells.”

The Baystate Wing Hospital Griswold Center offers TMS NeuroStar Advanced Therapy at the outpatient clinic located in Palmer. Since it was introduced in 2008, NeuroStar Advanced Therapy has been proven safe and effective, with more than 2.5 million treatments delivered. The majority of patients experience relief within several weeks, and continue to feel better after treatment is complete.

“It’s normal to feel nervous about trying a new treatment,” noted Kelly O’Rourke, TMS coordinator at Griswold Center.

“Many of my patients have tried everything but still find it difficult to function day to day because of depression. I

talk to them and encourage them to come back the next day for another treatment. Each day, I notice a change as my patients feel a little stronger and more confident in themselves and I remind them that it is the small everyday things that count,” she said.

TMS is generally prescribed for six weeks, five days a week, with an additional six sessions during a three-week taper or wind down, for a total of 36 sessions over a couple of months. Each treatment lasts about 20 minutes. TMS requires no anesthesia or sedation, and patients are awake and alert during treatment and people are able to resume normal activities immediately afterwards. During treatment, the patient is awake in a comfortable chair. A small magnetized wand rests lightly on the patient’s head, delivering focused magnetic stimulation directly to the area of the brain thought to be involved in regulating mood.

Most common side effects are scalp/localized pain that decreases as the patient becomes accustomed to the sensation of the magnetic stimulation, tooth pain, headaches and in a very rare (one in 30,000) chance of having a self-limiting seizure. The presence of ferromagnetic metal, metal that moves with magnetic activity, in the area of the head and neck like implanted brain stimulators, a metal clip in a cerebral vessel or shrapnel like from a military related injury, a cochlear implant and a history of seizures are the most common contraindications.

TMS treatment is covered by almost all insurance plans.

“The response to treatment for patients who tried a lot of antidepressants is excellent,” said Zaghoul. “At the Griswold Center, two thirds of patients showed improvement in their depression scores and a little less than a third had

almost complete resolution (remission) of their depression.”

The Baystate Wing Griswold Center has been operating an outpatient service for over 25 years to address the long-term needs of psychiatric patients and provide services for all ages from young children through the end of life. The team of 31 clinicians includes psychiatrists specializing in child psychiatry, psychiatrists and therapists working with adults, adolescents and children. In addition to TMS treatment and diagnostic and psychopharmacology services, the team provides individual, couples, family and group therapy and specialized groups.

Modalities including yoga group therapy for patients with PTSD, clinical hypnosis, narrative therapy, motivational enhancement therapy, and social skills group for children and adolescents.

The Griswold Center also has a full complement of clinicians specializing in substance use disorders. The team offers individual and group therapy, early recovery groups, individual counseling for adolescents, and the Operating Under the Influence Second Offender Program in partnership with the court, and medication for opioid use disorder including buprenorphine (suboxone) and naltrexone (vivitrol).

The Griswold Center for Behavioral Health, a service of Baystate Wing Hospital, provides outpatient mental health and addiction recovery services. It has clinicians co-located in its primary care clinics in Belchertown and Ludlow, providing easier access for those community members.

Most insurance plans are accepted. For more information, call the Griswold Behavioral Health Center at 413-370-5285.

Baystate Health has blood donation options

SPRINGFIELD -- “Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person – the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components – red cells, platelets and plasma.”

Those are the words of the World Health Organization, who along with Baystate Health and other organizations the world over are celebrating National Blood Donor Month in January.

“The bad weather along with a myriad of illnesses during the winter months makes collecting enough blood a challenge to meet the critical needs of patients. Held every January since 1970, Blood Donor Month serves as a reminder of the constant need for blood with the goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during one of the most difficult times of the year,” said Amy Osgood, Baystate Health’s blood donor recruiter.

“And at this moment we have an especially high need for platelet donations,” she added.

According to the Baystate blood recruiter, each year at Baystate Health, more than 6,300 patients receive more than 19,000 transfusions of blood products.

“At Baystate Health, 100 percent of all blood and platelet donations made to our Blood Donor Program are used locally in western Massachusetts,” Osgood said.

Additional “blood facts” include:
• Although approx. 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, less than 10 percent actually do.
• Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
• Nearly 7,000 units of platelets and

10,000 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.

• An average adult has about 10 pints of blood in their body. About 1 pint is given during a donation and the average red cell transfusion is approx. 3 pints.

• Over 1 million people will be diagnosed with cancer this year. Many will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy.

• Blood donors have two options to donate blood at Baystate Health.

Although the American Red Cross recently suspended their local bloodmobile operations, Baystate continues to serve the blood needs of the community with its traveling bloodmobile.

Blood donations can also be made at Baystate’s Blood Donor Center located on the first floor of the hospital’s Daly Building in Springfield. Hours are Monday from 8 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon.

An average blood donation takes less than 10 to 12 minutes. The entire process, from the time you arrive to the time you leave, takes less than an hour. Donors must be at least age 17, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. New donors will be asked to provide a photo ID. Whole blood donors are able to give blood every 8 weeks.

Platelets are important in the control of bleeding and are generally used in patients with leukemia and other forms of cancer, open heart surgery patients, transplant patients, and some trauma patients. Since they must be used within five days, maintaining an adequate supply is always a challenge. Baystate’s Blood Donor Center has state-of-the-art

plateletpheresis machines called Trimas that are faster, provide a better end product, and use only one needle.

Whole blood can be donated every 56 days and up to six times each year. Platelet donors, who take part in apheresis, can donate as frequently as every two weeks, or 24 times per year.

Donors must complete a pre-donation questionnaire each time they donate blood. This is required by the FDA to help ensure that you are safe to donate. Donors may complete their questionnaire on their smart phone or computer prior to visiting the donor center or bloodmobile. The questionnaire, however, must be completed on the same day that the donor intends to donate. Access to the pre-donation questionnaire is available at <https://bmcdhq.bhs.org/DDAdv>.

To thank donors after giving blood

or platelets, they can choose from a variety of gifts throughout the year, such as tickets to Six Flags New England, Dunkin’ gift cards, Big Y gift cards or tickets to The Big E.

Also, if donors do not know their blood type, about four weeks after their first donation to Baystate Health, their blood type will be recorded and shared with them in person during your their donation.

Any organization or business looking to host the Baystate Health Blood Donor Mobile can call Amy Osgood at 413-322-4125. To make an appointment at the Blood Donor Center, call 413-794-4600.

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Viewpoints

Editorial

Cookies offer girls a taste of responsibility

They're back!
Those devilishly delicious delights in their rainbow colored boxes have now been delivered to area girls. If a family member hasn't already harassed you for sales, consider yourself warned: it's Girl Scout Cookie season. From the iconic Thin Mints to Do-si-dos, Tagalongs, Samoas and Trefoils, thousands of cookies have hit the streets for neighborhood distribution.

While many adults will start running and hiding from their daughters, friends, family members and co-workers, this annual tradition is for many young girls their first taste of responsibility and entrepreneurship. From hitting the ground and going door-to-door, calling their family members and getting creative with their individual troops, selling cookies does more than raise money for Girl Scouts. These cookie saleswomen learn necessary skills for their future, from dealing with rejection to marketing, which will pay dividends as they grow into college-seeking high school graduates and young professionals.

According to Dana Carnegie, community relations manager with the Girl Scouts, "57 percent of Girl Scout alumnae in business say the program was key in the development of their skills today."

The first known cookie sales of Girl Scouts took place in 1917, which Carnegie said happened in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where Scouts baked cookies in their homes and sold them. Now, this annual tradition occurs in communities across the nation, with consumers having an assortment of mass-produced confections to choose from.

Interestingly, while sales have taken place since 1917, it wasn't until 1937 that they spanned the nation, according to a timeline on girlscouts.org. And during World War II, in 1944 calendars were sold instead of cookies. These cookies have been sent to troops serving overseas, into outer space and have even helped fight for racial inclusion.

For those who do give in to temptation, proceeds from sales support various local causes. Cookie sales have helped purchase a bulletproof vest for a female police officer, care packages for a local children's cancer center, and numerous worthwhile endeavors. Nationwide, girls use their revenue to help fund beneficial projects for their individual troops and their home communities.

Additionally, girls of all levels are eligible to receive annual "Cookie Activity" pins for their efforts and upon displaying proficiency in skills ranging from money management to business planning, they are eligible for a badge.

While the cookies may be an added treat for the pantry and the money is an added bonus for Girl Scouts, the experience dishes out a taste of real world responsibility. Next time a smiling face asks you to purchase a box of cookies, remember your response teaches her a valuable life lesson, even if it's the courage to do it again.



Seed catalogs offer plenty of useful advice

As I write it is 64 degrees and sunny outside. Unseasonable as this is for early-January, temperatures like these are good for the spirits; they remind us that the growing season is just around the corner. Although we are excited to get our hands dirty, it is still too early to start most seeds. It is, however, the perfect time to research the cultural requirements of your favorite plants as well as gather the necessary props to make your indoor seed starting efforts successful.

With seed catalogs arriving in the mail almost daily, it is tempting to recycle some of them before giving them a first glance. Don't do it! Many of them are loaded with useful information. Three of my favorites are Stokes (stokeseeds.com) for bedding plants, Johnny's Selected Seeds (johnnyseeds.com) for veggies and cut flowers, and Fedco (fedcoseeds.com) for all of the above as well as a good dose of plant trivia.

For example, look up ageratum in the Stoke's catalog and you will discover that its seeds need light in order to germinate and that it takes 10 to 12 weeks to produce garden-ready plants. Johnny's had similar advice. They also warn of starting tomato plants too early: only five to six weeks are necessary for small transplants; seven to eight weeks for larger ones. And according to Fedco, the optimum temperature for starting tomato seeds is 77 degrees; they'll poke through the soil in a mere six days at that temp.

All of the information you glean from catalogs can be put to good use when it comes time to start your seeds. How elaborate you want to get with your record-keeping is entirely up to you. At home, I have a three-ring binder that holds the last 20 years of my seed-starting experiences on loose-leaf paper.

Each year I mark down the varieties I sowed, when they germinated and when they were transplanted. I also make note of the seed source and the age of the seed. If the plants I produced were too large (or too small) I'll make note of that as well and adjust my sowing dates accordingly the next time I sow that variety.

Arriving at a particular sowing date for the first time is quite simple: I take the recommendations of the catalogs and count backward from Memorial Day, the first frost-free date for our area. For example, if Johnny's recommends starting tomatoes eight weeks prior to setting them outside, I'll plan on sowing their seeds the first week in April.

My record-keeping at OSV was a bit more sophisticated. There I made up a spreadsheet of sorts that allows a column each for things such as variety name, seed source, number to be grown, sow date,

transplant date and comments. Last year I grew some absolutely beautiful coleus from seed and they were timed just perfectly. If I should grow them again some time in the future, I'll refer back to that sheet, knowing that a Feb. 8 sowing produced good-sized plants. I'll also recall from the comments section that the catalogs recommend using lukewarm H2O to water (coleus is finicky temperature-wise and cool water chills the soil enough that it has a hard time warming up again.) Sheets like these become quite an asset after a few years. Lord know I've looked back time and time again to check on one thing or another.

Go one step further and make your record-keeping complete by taking notes all season long. Our memory is quick to forget the particular squash variety that bore only two fruit when the catalog is singing the praises of its beauty. Write down how poorly it performed and I guarantee you'll remember it and won't order it again.

Stay tuned next week for information on the props necessary to start seeds indoors.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

Framing a 2020 future

By Joan E. B. Coombs
Guest columnist

Things had to change. Every day we were realizing that we must focus on the problem. Not with just a passing glance, but to face reality clearly—or the inevitable would happen.

Especially this year, in 2020, even though our perceptions were awkwardly similar, we knew beyond a shadow of a doubt—that now, we must make individual choices. We needed to see further into the future—separately.

Evidence kept mounting. Confusion kept happening. Searches kept continuing. Options had to be faced head on. No more borrowing.

"This can't go on..."
"Things look O.K. But, it's really not a good fit..."
One of us had to make a bold, distinctive choice. But it must be comfortable and workable decision for both.

If changes didn't happen, 2020 wouldn't happen, and not seeing things as they really were would find us bordering on ignoring the problem.

While keeping reality in check, I began seeking practical ways of framing the future.

Soon I saw that the process was similar to what happens during an eye examination. When trying to interpret the wall chart—all 20 feet away at the end of the room—eyes must focus. The patient reads the alphabet letters. Then the professional makes an accurate observation and a conclusive diagnosis.

"Optical illusions happen." I sighed and wondered, "Am I seeing this problem impartially? Can I solve it quickly?"

By forging ahead, making independent choices and making sure that the hindsight of lessons learned gave guidance I began fashioning my future in a bold, new way.

Let me bring clarity.
Because our eyeglass frames and the prescription lens strengths of our "off-the-rack" reading glasses were similar, our glasses were constantly and consequently getting mixed up. The borrowing was similar to a game of ping pong. The sharing needed to stop because the seek-and-you-shall-find methods weren't always easy. Ugh. Or convenient. Ouch. (And this was before graduating into bi-focal lenses. Yup. That's another episode.)
"How did you solve that dilemma?" you ask.

Here's how: Step inside a local store. Find the eye-wear aisle. Search for the unique. Buy a pair of large, zany, black-and-white-zebra-striped glasses bedazzled with shimmering rhinestones!

Now-a-days, by all appearances, although I seem to be making a spectacle of myself, things on the home front are so serene. By finding and wearing our own pair of reading glasses, we're seeing things more clearly!

And we're framing a 2020 future.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Can my husband use the "restricted application for Social Security?"

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: My question is about the "restricted application for spousal benefits only" I saw referenced in an article. I will turn 66 in February and have applied for my "full retirement benefit" and will continue to work full-time. My husband turned 66 this month and has not yet applied for his benefits. According to the Social Security paperwork sent to us, I will receive about \$1,900 a month and my husband, who is self-employed, would only receive \$500 to \$600. If my husband claimed "spousal benefits only" using the restricted application, would I still receive my \$1,900 and he would receive 50 percent of that for an estimated total of \$2,850? Doesn't seem to make sense to me! As you can see, we must be in denial of our age and are not knowledgeable about Social Security. Signed: Inquisitive Senior

Dear Inquisitive: Based on the amounts you quoted in your email (which I assume were recent estimates from the Social Security Administration), your husband should claim his own benefits this month and then claim his normal spousal benefit in February when your benefits start. Since your husband has already reached his full retirement age of 66, his spousal benefit will

be the full 50 percent of the benefit you are entitled to when you reach your full retirement age in February.

Although your husband qualifies for and can submit a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" (as described in the article you read), there is little reason for him to do so because his own benefit, even if he delays claiming it until he is 70, will be less than his spousal benefit from your record. Instead, since his spousal benefit from you will be the highest amount he will ever be eligible for, he can just claim his own benefit first and then claim his regular spousal benefit to begin when your Social Security retirement benefit starts.

Here's why: If your husband's current benefit at his full retirement age (FRA) would be \$600 and he's not yet collecting, he could earn delayed retirement credits (DRCs) at a rate of 0.667 per month of delay (8 percent per year of delay). That will mean his own benefit would be 32 percent more at age 70 than he is now eligible for at his FRA, which means his maximum benefit on his own earnings record will be \$792/month (\$600 plus 32 percent).

The only reason to file the restricted application (for which he is eligible only because he was born before Jan. 2, 1954) is to let his own benefit grow while he collects

a spousal benefit, so he can switch to his own higher benefit later. But since his spousal benefit from you will be about \$950, more than the maximum benefit he can get from his own record at age 70, his most prudent choice would be to simply claim his own benefit now and apply for his normal spousal benefit to start when your Social Security benefit starts in February. No need for him to file the restricted application because his own benefit will never be higher than his spousal benefit. And just for complete clarity, your husband collecting his spousal benefit from you will not affect your own Social Security retirement benefit in any way.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a glaucous gull at Whalom Lake in Lunenburg. The glaucous gull is the second largest gull in the world. It is 22 to 30 inches long with a wing span of 52 to 67 inches. They can weigh from 2.12 to 5.95 pounds. It breeds in Arctic regions of the Northern Hemisphere. It is migratory and winters from the North Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans as far south as the British Isles and northernmost parts of the United States. A few even reach the southern USA and northern Mexico. Adults are pale gray above with a thick, yellow bill. Immatures are very pale gray with a pink or black bill. Its call is a "laughing" cry similar to the herring gull, but deeper.

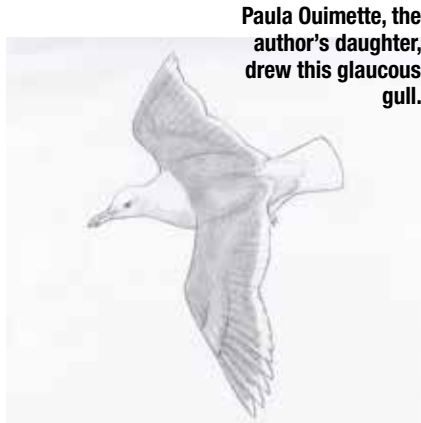
Pileated woodpecker

I received a call from a Ware resident, who has a pileated woodpecker excavating holes in a tree near his home. They make large, oval shaped holes in trees.

Bluebirds

I have three to five bluebirds that come to my winterberry bush for the berries. After I saw them, I put out mealworms for them. Tufted titmice and black-capped chickadees also like the mealworms.

I talked to an Oakham woman, who raises her own mealworms to feed the birds. She raises them in five-gallon pails, giving them bran and a sponge full of water once a week. Raising mealworms saves a lot of money. I have not ventured to do that as I find the live ones creepy.



Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this glaucous gull.

Loon Preservation Committee

In 2019, the Loon Preservation Committee provided nest rafts to 90 pairs of loons displaced from their traditional nest sites by shoreline development, recreational use of lakes and water level fluctuations. The committee banded 32 loons and rescued 21 loons in distress as a result of illness or injury. They continued to partner with New Hampshire Fish and Game to expand the Lead Tackle Buyback program to nine participating stores. Despite these successes, loons remain a threatened species in New Hampshire and continue to face many challenges. Lead poisoning continued to be a major cause of adult loon mortality last year in total, nine adult loons died due to lead poisoning in 2019. Though it can no longer be purchased within the state, illegal lead fishing tackle persists in tackle boxes.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

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Schools

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American International College announces fall 2019 dean's list

SPRINGFIELD – American International College has named 460 students to the fall 2019 dean's list. Dean's list students have achieved a 3.3 to 4.0 GPA. The list includes the following students: Meghan Methe, Jackeline Orellana, Olivia Odell, Dominique Taylor and Joseph Lombardi, of Palmer; Megan McGuill, Molly Serra, Madeline Lister, Lya Kolb, Nicole Kline and Connor Hicks, of Monson, and Ashley Roberge, of Bondsville.

Founded in 1885, American International College is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity and opportunity for its students and the community.

St. Aloysius Catholic School offers scholarships for 2020/2021 school year

GILBERTVILLE – A benefactor of St. Aloysius Catholic School has pledged \$35,000 in matching funds towards the school's 2020/2021 scholarship drive, \$5,000 more the amount offered last year. "This benefactor visited the school recently and is so happy that we are here, providing a local option for a Catholic education. He hopes that even more families will be able to enroll their children; reducing tuition is a big motivator for parents," said Roberta McQuaid, the school's director. "There is much excitement over the recent addition of another classroom for our youngest students. We now have distinct preschool and pre-kindergarten classrooms, which offer developmentally appropriate learning experiences for our 3 and 4-year-olds. We are also providing experiential learning experiences for our oldest students. Each week they spend an afternoon in Ware at Workshop13, where they are thoroughly engaged in various art classes."

Last year the school raised slightly more than its goal of \$30,000. With matching funds, a total of \$60,435 was divided equitably to reduce tuitions by \$1,000 for each full-price student.

"Our goal would be to maintain, if not increase this discount. Currently, with the scholarship, it costs \$2,800 a year for a family's first student in grades K-8, with a discount for siblings and a premium for the five-day preschool program. This equates to as low as \$20 per day," said McQuaid.

Father Richard A. Lembo, pastor, is grateful to everyone who supported last year's scholarship drive and hopes even more people will contribute this time around. "The future you are providing for these students through their education includes a foundation for their Catholic Faith life. We know that faith in God helps support and sustain students through their entire life."

St. Aloysius Catholic School's unique mission includes operating in a family-centered environment that provides faith formation, innovative academics, and a commitment to the local community. The school serves students in preschool through grade 8.

For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic School or to make a tax-deductible donation that will be matched dollar for dollar to the Scholarship Fund, please visit www.staloyiuscatholicsschool.com. Donations can also be mailed to St. Aloysius Catholic School, P.O. Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031, noting "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Donations to the Scholarship Fund received prior to March 15 will help reduce tuition rates for the upcoming school year.

For more information email McQuaid at rmcquaid@staloyiuscatholicsschool.com or call the school at 413-477-1268.

Seats open for spring 2020 EMT training at HCC

HOLYOKE – A few seats remain open for Emergency Medical Technician training classes at Holyoke Community College for the spring 2020 semester.

HCC's EMT Basic Course (EMT-B) begins Tues., Jan. 28, and runs through June 2, 2020.

The program consists of 13 weeks (170 plus hours) of in-class lectures and additional online study, training, field trips and workshops designed to prepare students for the state certification exam. The training takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-10

p.m. and select Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at HCC's Center for Health Education & Simulation, 404 Jarvis Ave.

The course covers all aspects of emergency care including patient handling, extrication and communication and makes exten-

sive use of HCC's medical simulation labs.

For more information or to register, contact Valentyna Semmyrog at (413) 552-2123/vsemyrog@hcc.edu or go online at www.hcc.edu/become-an-emt.



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Springfield Technical Community College will offer veterinary assistant training beginning Feb. 10. For more information about STCC, visit www.stcc.edu.

STCC to offer veterinary assistant training program

SPRINGFIELD – Interested in working with animals as a career? Springfield Technical Community College will offer veterinary assistant training beginning Feb. 10.

The course runs through August, with classes meeting Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. The training marks the first step toward getting a start in a field where the jobs are in high demand. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, veterinary assistant jobs are expected to grow 19 percent between 2018 and 2028, which is much faster than the average for all occupations.

"This is a dream job for many animal lovers," said Elliot Levy, senior director of the Workforce Development Center at STCC. "Caring for animals provides both a meaningful and rewarding career as well as skilled work that leads to a stable income. We are excited to offer this workforce development opportunity."

The training prepares students to keep animals healthy, care for them when they are ill and assist veterinarians in their offices.

The veterinary assistant works directly under the supervision of veterinarians and the veterinary technician as they perform procedures, examinations, and treatments. The veterinary assistant provides basic care for animals, such as

feeding and exercising the animals, while learning how to recognize signs of illness and disease, performing laboratory procedures, interacting with clients and performing general office procedures. Veterinary assistants work in animal hospitals and clinics, animal shelters, laboratories, zoos and animal parks.

For more information and to enroll online, visit stcc.edu/wdc/descriptions/veterinary-assistant. To contact the Workforce Development Center Office, call 413-755-4225.

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For more information about STCC, visit www.stcc.edu.

UMass Music & Dance to host inaugural Clarinet Day

AMHERST – The UMass Amherst Department of Music and Dance will host CLARIconNEt!: An Immersive Clarinet Day on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Music Wing of the Fine Arts Center. Coordinated by faculty member Romie de Guise-Langlois, the full day event is open to clarinetists of all ages and skill levels. Sponsors of this first-ever event include Backun Musical Services, Gerry's Music Shop, Buffet Crampon and Yamaha.

The day's schedule will feature a wide range of events and activities, including masterclasses with Ms. de Guise-Langlois, professor emeritus Michael Sussman, and guest artist Jose Franch-Ballester, winner of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant. Participants can also rehearse and perform

chamber music, participate in a clarinet choir featuring UMass faculty and students along with local teachers and amateurs, and sample equipment from various vendors. The day's events will culminate with a guest artist concert by Mr. Franch-Ballester and pianist Jeewon Park at 3:30 p.m. in Bezanson Recital Hall. The performance is free and open to the public.

Advance registration is \$10 by visiting <https://www.umass.edu/music/event/clarinet-day-2020>. Those interested in rehearsing and performing chamber music should register by Jan. 18. Registration at the door will be \$15 (cash or check only). Free and secure parking is available in nearby University lot 71 off Massachusetts Avenue and lot 62 via Thatcher Way or Stockbridge Road.

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since it first began, enjoy meeting up with Kennedy every Tuesday, and building on what they've worked on from the previous week.

Ganieany, whose favorite genre of literature is horror, is currently working on a novel titled "A Killers Friend," a story about a serial killer after the death of a close friend.

McNally, whose writing is more personal, is writing an autobiography titled "Diary of an Average Girl," focusing on her own story.

Lambert, who also has an interest in horror, is writing a novel titled "What You Don't See Can't Kill You," which is about a brainwashed girl, and the troubles she endures afterwards.

Stern, who is also interested in horror, is working on a story called "Have Faith," which is about the

man who visits a physic, who tells him that he will die, and how it will happen. From there, he must take the necessary steps to avoid is inevitable fate.

When asked what they enjoyed about the club, each of the writers said they get to spend time with one another as friends, who share a similar passion for writing. Also, Kennedy said that based off of their current work, she believes that if they keep at it, they will be successful in no time.

"These kids are going to be published by the time that they're my age," said Kennedy. "I can feel it, they're all going to be great writers in the future."

The Writers Circle takes place every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., in the library's Three Rivers Room. For more information, contact Kennedy by emailing her at bkenedy@palmer.lib.ma.us, or call at 413-283-3330, ext. 128.

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night, then came back to oust East Longmeadow in the title game. Both nights drew large crowds.

The tournament had been delayed one night due to Friday's storm.

Monson won the title game, 88-62. as Dave Bressette dumped 25 points, including 10 key aces in the second-half Mustang surge.

Jay Courniotes had 14 points and Donovan 18 for the home team.

Stafford High took third place by beating Minnechaug, 59-57.

As Coach Ford looked over the team's statistics after the tournament, he noted with delight that he has had three different 20-point scorers in his three victories none of whom has been Jay Courniotes.

It's not that Coach Ford doesn't like Courniotes. He likes him very much. It's just that this new scoring trend indicates that Monson has balance this year.

"Jay made all-league the last two years," said Ford of his 6-2 senior center. "Every time, the defense would key on him. This year, they can't do it. They've been trying but someone else had broken loose each time. It's an Ideal situation."

In Monson's first win over Southwick, Donovan pumped 22 points. In Saturday's victory, Dave Tucket had 20, and in the Sunday game, Bressette came in with his 25.

Ford said he also found a new starter in the tournament. The defensive work of 5-7 Mike Shoum earned him a promotion to the starting five. He'll be in the lineup Friday when Monson opens at home Quaboag Regional of Warren in a Quaboag League game. The Mustangs play Chariton on Tuesday at home.

Both Palmer and Monson were supposed to play Montpelier, Vt., in home games this week. The Vermonters were scheduled to play in Palmer on Tuesday and in Monson on Wednesday.

These games, however, had to be canceled due to the heavy snow which caused Vermont's governor to declare his state a disaster area.

Meanwhile, Palmer High's basketball team resumes action on Friday at Tantasqua in the opening game of the Quaboag League season. The Panthers won't play again after that until Jan.9 at Quaboag.

Their first home game in the new year will be played Jan. 16, against Ware.

The Palmer High hockey team goes against Commerce at the Eastern States Coliseum at 6 p.m. on Friday in a Western Mass. League game.

Class of 1969 Has Dinner-Dance

Palmer High School's graduated class of 1989 held its first Alumni Activities with a Christmas Dinner-Dance held last Tuesday at the Salem Cross Inn, North Brookfield.

Over 90 class members and invited guests were present. The affair began at 6:15 with a chicken dinner. A short program followed.

Dancing and socializing began about 8:00 and continued until 10:30. Chestnuts were roasted on the Salem Cross's open hearth as well as popcorn. Members of the Committee planning the social function were David Michonski (president), William DiNuovo (vice-president), Joan Teczar (Historian), Ronnie Putz (Class Secretary) and John Korzec (Class Treasurer). Other Committee members included Michael McGrath, JoAnne Henrich, Cheryl Naveles and Daniel Reim. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ziegler and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent O'Malley of the high school were special guests of the class.

Palmer Area Vets Protest Greylock Monument Demolition

By Joe Urban

The State Department of Natural Resources is running into Increased opposition to Its announced plan to demolish the monument to the Commonwealth's war dead, located atop the state's highest peak. Mt. Greylock, in Adams.

The opposition began when the state decided against preserving and rebuilding the monument. The legislature approved a total of \$307,000 for the work, in 1963, but the state apparently changed its mind and now the funds are ear-marked for the monument's destruction, rather than for its' preservation.

Concerned groups of citizens in the area surrounding Mt. Greylock have for some time attempted to create interest in the monument's preservation on a state-wide basis, but have been unable to gain any wide-spread support. Recently, however, veteran's organizations have begun a campaign to flood Governor Francis W. Sargent's office with letters objecting to the state's turn-about. Painter and Monson veterans' groups have joined in the protest.

The monument, which was dedicated in June of 1933, bears the inscription "Erected by Massachusetts in grateful recognition of the loyalty and sacrifice of her sons and daughters in war. They were faithful even unto death."

Constructed of blocks of solid granite, the monument's interior has been closed since 1961, because of erosion of the mortar holding the blocks in place. It is this erosion, caused by temperature extremes and wind, rain and ice, that the DNR maintains cannot be halted. Local citizens feel differently however, and they have gone to a consulting engineer for an opinion on the matter.

Engaged

Mx. and Mrs. Paul F. Camyre, Sr., of 23 Temple St., Palmer, announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to P.F.C. Phillip E. King. Her fiancé is the son of Mrs. Alice King of 16 Wilson St., Wilbraham, and the late Lawrence H. King.

A graduate of Palmer High School, the bride-elect is employed as a secretary by Wilbraham Trucking Corp, West Springfield.

A graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School, P.F.C. Phillip E. King is presently serving his enlistment in the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The wedding will be an event of Jan. 31 at 11 a.m., in St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Palmer.

100 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1920 ...

Fined \$50: Two Cases Continued For Sentence – The Other Cases Are Not Pressed

The cases of John P. Donahue and Joseph Megas, of Bondsville, charged with illegal sales of liquor, and the cases of Eugene Fenton and Thomas F. Donahue, charged with illegal keeping and selling, were called in the District Court Tuesday morning. All had previously pleaded not guilty.

John P. Donahue withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty to a sale to Timothy J. Sullivan. Evidence was at hand that the sale had been made about 1 o'clock in the morning. A fine of \$50 was imposed by Judge Kenefik. He also pleaded guilty to sales to two other persons and those were continued until April 5th.

In the case against Joseph Megas, Attorney Ernest E. Hobson, who appeared for the prosecution, stated to the Court that the evidence which had been expected to secure was not obtainable; that what was available was uncorroborated. He therefore asked that the cases be not pressed and this the Court agreed to.

The same disposition was made of the cases against Eugene Fenton and Thomas F. Donahue for illegal keeping. They were the proprietors of the place where Donahue, as bartender, had made sales outside the hours and without the knowledge of the owners while they were absent and against their express orders to the contrary.

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The Journal Register



Area Zonta Clubs ban together for The Period Project

WESTERN MASS - It's extremely hard for women living in poverty to deal with the monthly financial and physical burden of a period. Products are costly and are not covered by SNAP or WIC. The average woman requires over \$6000 disposables in her lifetime. For some women, that time of the month couldn't come at a worse time.

The Zonta Clubs of Northampton area, Quaboag Valley and Springfield are pooling resources for The Period Project to raise awareness and collect items needed during a monthly menstrual cycle.

The public is invited to join Zontians in distributing dignity to women and teens in need.

You can donate items to create monthly menstrual kits for homeless women and to stock supplies at local shelters and service centers. Find addresses/maps for drop-off locations throughout Hampden and Hampshire counties, and a link to an Amazon wish list at www.zontaqv.org/period. Items being collected include sealed boxes of pads or tampons, panty liners, cleansing wipes, hand sanitizers and soap, new pairs of underwear (any size) and/or money donations to purchase items in short supply. Checks can be made to Zonta, PO Box 1034, Belchertown MA 01007-1034

If you are available, you can help assemble monthly period kits on Monday, Feb. 10 at the Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow. The assembly will begin with a set up at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. (\$18 – cash, check or credit card). RSVP by Feb. 4 to 413-219-8260



Submitted Photo
Zontians come together to take part in assembling kits as part of The Period Project.

or info@zontaqv.org.
When many of us think about giving donations and goods to local organizations that assist families, the first items that come to mind are things like clothes, shoes and food. Many of us don't think about the other items that people with periods are in need of on a daily basis. It is our hope that you will contribute now and share this message in the new year and beyond.

The Zonta Clubs of Northampton area, Quaboag Valley and Springfield are part of Zonta District 01 – one of 32 districts

throughout the world that forms Zonta International. It is comprised of 14 clubs located in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, USA and Nova Scotia, Canada. Learn more about the clubs of District 1 and their local impact: www.zontadistrict1.org. The club welcomes like-minded individuals who share our vision of a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights, every woman is able to achieve her full potential, and no woman lives in fear of violence.

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and other crafts for cancer patients. "I feel very honored to have this opportunity and recognition," said Michalak. "It feels good to help the less fortunate."

Leanna Matczak, who lives in Wales, said that her major effort in community service took place over the summer. In the summer of 2019, Matczak visited her local Wal-Mart, and bought daily personal care supplies such as toothpaste and toothbrushes as well as food and went to Worcester to hand out these items, all wrapped up in a sock, to the homeless.

When she decided that she was done handing out these items, the leftover socks were brought over to the veteran's homeless center, also located in Worcester. When asked about why she wanted to do this, Matczak said that "homeless people do not get a lot of support. I felt that it was big thing that needed to be fixed."

Brooke Fitzgerald, who is from Brimfield, was chosen for her participation in the same service day project, which involved making blankets and other crafts for cancer patients at Tantasqua High. When asked about Project 351, Fitzgerald said that she believes it is "a great opportunity to find ways to help out more in her community and help the people who are less fortunate."

Aaron Lidonde, from Holland, who has been described by his father, Armstrong Lidonde, as a hardworking and caring individual, is involved in different projects. When he is not helping his classmates who are struggling in academics in school, he works outside of school with the children at his church, International Faith Outreach Ministry in East Longmeadow. He also is helping in a project in which participants collect empty bottles and cans, and send the money received from recycling them to children in Africa. Also being of Kenyan descent, and having a chance to visit the country where he met children who share a similar interest in soccer as him, Lidonde plans to raise money in between now and his next visit to Kenya, and purchase cleats for the children.

"I just want to help people, that's really it," said Lidonde. Also, Lidonde said he is looking forward to Project 351, and that this opportunity teaches him other ways to help in his community.

When asked about how he feels about the students getting statewide recognition, Principal Gregory P. Sturges said that he couldn't be happier and is looking forward to what this program has in store for them.

"These five kids are some of the best I've been around, and I look forward to seeing what they come back with after their day of service," said Sturges. "I have no doubt that the community service project that they bring to Tantasqua will be non other than excellent, because that's just what those kids are."

On Jan. 18, all five students will be heading to Fanueil Hall in Boston, to participate in a statewide launch and kickoff a day of leadership, community service, and civic engagement with Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker. To learn more about Project 351, visit project351.org.



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Palmer Town Councilors and administrative staff applaud to thank Police Chief John Janulewicz, who will retire Feb. 1, for his service.



Police Chief John Janulewicz, right, congratulates his lieutenant — and now successor — Christopher Burns after the Palmer Town Council vote on Jan. 13 to confirm Burns' appointment as chief.

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said McNutt, the town conducted a competitive skills assessment, with four Palmer officers taking the test. Burns had the highest score.

He will oversee a department with 22 full-time officers and about 40 people, total, on staff. The Police Department provides 24-hour public safety coverage to all neighbor-

hoods in the town of Palmer.

Janulewicz will step down from the chief's position Feb. 1 after more than 40 years in uniform. He started as a part-time Palmer police officer in 1976, and was appointed full-time in 1978. He was named sergeant in 1987, and later served as lieutenant under Frydryk. When Frydryk retired in January 2015, Janulewicz stepped in as act-

ing chief. He was confirmed as permanent chief in late 2016.

In his farewell remarks to the Town Council, Janulewicz echoed Burns' assessment of the department, and also thanked the councilors and other town department heads for their support of the police.

The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

• **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

• **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

• **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

• **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

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Naisha Hernandez (left) and her daughter Natalia Aranjó, 10, both of Chicopee, helped unload trailers of Girl Scout cookies as part of a regional drop at the Eastfield Mall.



Girl Scout volunteer Sam Budynkiewicz, of Hampden, helps load a car with Girl Scout cookies.



A network of packed trailers with Girl Scout cookies awaited local troops to take their quota of the sweets for their fundraising endeavors.



Sue Ann Mascaro (left) and Lara Fidalgo, of Hampden Girl Scout Troop 40160 pose with a trunk full of Girl Scout cookies Jan. 11 during a regional drop at the Eastfield Mall.



Dana Carnegie, communications manager for the Girls Scouts of Central and Western Mass., unloads cases of Girl Scout S'mores from a trailer as part of the cookie drop at the Eastfield Mall.



Volunteer Jamie Mahon, of the Holyoke office of the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Mass., takes a case of Lemon-Ups to a waiting car.

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from the Holyoke office of the GSCWM placed a color-coded sheet on the passenger side window of the vehicle identifying the specific number of cases required for the troop.

"This works like a well-oiled machine," said Dana Carnegie, communications manager for the GSCWM. She said the colored sheet enables the volunteers to make the delivery while troop leaders wait in their car for a drive and go experience.

One of the first leaders to arrive early on an unseasonably warm Saturday in January was Sue Ann Mascaro, of Hampden Troop 40160. She said her troop would be taking

187 cases, or roughly 2,200 boxes to sell in town.

"We'll have booths starting next weekend," Mascaro said, enticing residents to keep a watchful eye for her girls at various locations.

Kristin Esposito, of new Monson Troop 65060, said her troop signed up for about 820 boxes of cookies for their first season. She said they have already secured selling locations at Wal-Mart, the Holyoke Mall, Monson High School and Adams Market.

Tracie MacKenzie, of Chicopee Troop 65026, said her girls hope to sell 1,500 boxes of the sweet treats this year.

"Hopefully more," she quipped, noting they'll be selling to attendees of the local

Camping Show, as well as a Chicopee bowling alley and other places around the city.

Two of the hardest working volunteers were the mother-daughter team of Naisha Hernandez, who works out of the Holyoke office, and Natalia Aranjó, 10. The two raced back and forth between trailers and cars, quickly filling the vehicle to allow for a smooth experience for the leaders.

Natalia said she loves being a Girl Scout and offered some advice for those looking to join or stay with the program.

"Because girls need to be more louder and have a powerful voice," she said, noting that the experience, including cookie selling, helps girls "go farther" as they grow.



Volunteers from the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts unload a series of trailers Saturday morning, Jan. 11 at the Eastfield Mall. A total of 6,840 cases for troops from Chicopee to Monson await folks in the Pioneer Valley.



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UMass Theater New Play Lab performs two plays

AMHERST – UMass Theater New Play Lab is produced by Mae-gan Clearwood, Bianca Dillard, Josh Glenn-Kayden and Tatiana Godfrey, and directed by Josh Glenn-Kayden.

There will be two plays with one being "The Interrobangers," by M. Sloth Levine, will be performed on Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 6, at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 8, at 2 p.m., at The Curtain Theater.

The second will be "Walden" by Amy Berryman, which will be performed by Feb. 14, 15, 20, at 7:30 p.m., and on Feb. 22, at 2 p.m., at The Curtain Theater Audience members are encouraged to stay after the performance for a conversation about the play.

Two sisters working out family tensions amid a climate crisis and the settlement of Mars. Four meddling kids and a dog confront the unexplainable and question their identities.

The pair of plays selected for this year's UMass Theater New Play Lab - running Jan. 31-Feb. 22 - use sci-fi conventions as a way to look at familiar issues from a new angle. Now in its seventh iteration, Play Lab offers our team of graduate student dramaturgs and director, as well as our cast of undergrads, the opportunity to work on selecting and shaping new work fresh from the brains of emerging playwrights.

As valuable as the creative members of this enterprise are, though, there's one more element needed for a successful Play Lab, and that's the audience. Getting a work in front of community members who share their honest reactions is crucial to the Play Lab process, because it offers playwrights and our team an in-the-moment barometer of which parts of the script are successful and what needs more work. Those changes are often made in between performances. We've seen whole scenes added, even titles changed, over the course of a Play Lab run based on audience reactions and feedback gathered during the post-show conversations held after every performance. It's an immediate way for theater-goers to affect the direction of their favorite performing art!

About this year's plays:

"The Interrobangers" is written by M. Sloth Levine. Four groovy teens and a dog search the woods in their van to solve a mystery while exploring drugs, queerness, and the fear that men in rubber masks are scarier than monsters. The four question the world they know, looking into the parts of their history they would rather avoid.

"Walden" by Amy Berryman is an extraordinary piece asking the questions about the relationships between the human spirit and scientific discovery. In the not-so-distant future, climate change has intensified and scientists are recommending that we colonize elsewhere. Cassie, a NASA botanist, returns from her year-long deployment in space and is shocked to find her sister, Stella, a former NASA architect, engaged to an Earth Advocate. As the twins grapple with questions of rivalry and love, humanity hangs in the balance.

Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, and \$7.50 general admission. All audience members are invited to the free post-show conversation after every performance. Come see both plays, or see a play twice and watch it evolve. Call 1-800-999-UMAS or reserve tickets through the Fine Arts Center Box Office.



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FOOTBALL



Pathfinder junior Nicholas Beaulieu travels down the court against North Brookfield.



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North Brookfield senior Max Valencourt goes for a trey.

N. Brookfield beats Pathfinder for first win of the season

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

NORTH BROOKFIELD - A new coach, a young team and a first win are a few of the most recent updates regarding the North Brookfield varsity boys basketball team.

First year coach Jon Leroux celebrated with his team last Monday evening as the earned their first victory of the season, defeating Pathfinder Regional 65-39.

"Pathfinder was a great game for us," Leroux said. "It showed our players how good we could be when everyone does their part and we play together. I was extremely proud of the guys for their effort and execution against Pathfinder."

Leroux comes to North Brookfield with a plethora of eight years of coaching experience. Since 2012 he has held a variety of coaching jobs, including the assistant varsity basketball coach at Auburn High School and the varsity football coach at Tantasqua.

"Our Auburn team went on to win the Clark Tournament (the year he coached)," said Leroux, whose journey of coaching then led him to a freshmen coach for one year and the next to a JV-varsity assistant, both basketball teams at Tantasqua. "We had a lot of success there (at Tantasqua). We made districts five years, went to two district championships and won one. I took last year off to help finish up my masters, which has led me here to North Brookfield."

And once the winter season ends, Leroux will be hitting the baseball diamond as the varsity baseball coach at Tantasqua.

"We have a great group of kids at North Brookfield," stated Leroux. "They work hard everyday and make it very enjoyable to coach."

Although the game against Pathfinder only improved their record to 1-5, Leroux and his players have not hung their heads this season, understanding this is a building year - after going 10-11 last year and losing a big core of almost a

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BASKETBALL

Venne's late trey sinks Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent



Jack Letendre flies for the layup.

Photos by Lisa Thomas-DuFresne



Chad Bigos makes a long three-point attempt.



Jacob Mastalerz and Nicholas Pappaceno attempt to block a Ware player's shot.



Francis Venne makes his way down the court.

MONSON

Monson boys edged by South Hadley

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY — When he was a freshman, Hunter Carey made a lay-up in the final seconds of regulation giving the South Hadley boys varsity basketball team a two-point victory at Monson High School.

Three years later, another freshman helped the Tigers defeat the Mustangs on the hardwood.

Freshman guard Chase Mathers made three 3-pointers during the fourth quarter, as the Tigers squeaked out an exciting 52-50 win in a Bi-County League cross-over game played at Thom-

as B. Landers Court, last Monday night, Jan.6.

"Chase has started the last couple of games and he made a couple of big 3-pointers in the fourth quarter," said first-year South Hadley head coach Dave Dubuc. "We really needed this victory in order to get back on the right side of the win-loss column."

Mathers, who replaced sophomore guard Dylan Cottingham (injury) in the starting line-up, wound up scoring a career-high and team-high 15 points. He made a total of five 3-pointers.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Indians deal Pioneers first loss of the season

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — Despite being held scoreless for the entire third quarter, the North Brookfield girls' varsity basketball team still managed to win a non-league game for the first time in more than two years.

The Lady Indians also became the first team to defeat Pathfinder this season by posting a 31-21 road victory, last Friday night.

"This was our first non-league win in the past two years, which is really nice. It was also very nice to beat an undefeated team on the road," said North Brookfield head

coach Lyndsey Bennett. "We play them again on Monday night and we're hoping to come out with another win in our gym."

The road victory against the Lady Pioneers improved the Lady Indians overall season record to 5-3. Their other four wins so far this winter came against South Lancaster (twice), Trivium, and Bethany Christian, who are all members of Worcester County League. Their non-league losses were against Quaboag, Ware, and Leicester.

The Lady Indians, who are trying to qualify for the Western

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BASKETBALL

Mustangs handily defeat Baystate



Olivia Chrzan makes a pass on the run.



Mia Krupczak dribbles into the paint.



Sydney DeVries goes for the rebound.



Alivia Skowrya takes the jump shot.



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Tennessee Murphy holds the ball back before making a pass.

MONSON – Last Friday night, Monson easily took down Baystate Academy, which co-ops with Paulo Freire, 65-29. Baystate was limited to just four points in the entire first half while the Mustangs built a huge lead. Sydney DeVries scored 18 points to lead the team. Olivia Chrzan had 13 points and Mia Krupczak chipped in nine. Monson is now 4-2 this year.

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Massachusetts Division 4 tournament for the seventh consecutive year, last non-league victory came at home against David Prouty by the final score of 45-22 on December 21, 2017.

The Lady Pioneers (5-1), who have qualified for the Western Massachusetts Division 4 tournament the past two years, began the regular season by defeating Gateway, St. Mary's of Westfield, Sci-Tech, Renaissance School, and Commerce.

"We just missed a lot of shots and we also didn't execute very well in tonight's game," said Pathfinder head coach Kevin Aldrich. "We did play very well in our first five games, but this is a very disappointing loss. You should be able to win a game at this level when you hold a team to only 31 points."

The Lady Pioneers did celebrate a 32-23 road win versus the Lady Indians in the only meeting of last season.

The Lady Indians held the lead from start to finish in the first meeting of the regular season against Pathfinder.

"We normally struggle of-

fensively early in the game and are able to pull it together during the fourth quarter," Bennett said. "This game was a little bit different. We came out very strong at the start and kept the lead the whole game, which was very important because we didn't score any points in the third quarter."

No player on either team reached double figures in last Friday's contest.

North Brookfield sophomore Serenity Ayala scored eight of her game-high nine points in the first half.

"Serenity played a very good all-around game tonight," Bennett said. "She's also our leading rebounder."

Junior Maddie Didonato scored six points, while eighth grader Evelyn Doe and sophomore Kelly Daige both finished the game with five points.

The leading scorer for the home team was senior Jocelyn Wells with eight points. Sophomore Cordelia Hageman scored five points and sophomore Allyson Dube added four points. Dube had scored ten or more points in four of Pathfinder's first

five games.

A field goal by Ayala with 3:19 left in the opening quarter gave the Lady Indians a 9-2 lead.

The Lady Pioneers were able to close the gap to 9-5 following a runner in the lane by Wells and a made free throw from Hageman.

North Brookfield took a seven-point lead again when Doe buried a 3-pointer from well beyond the top of the key just before the buzzer sounded ending the first quarter.

Doe also made a base-line lay-up a minute into the second quarter pushing the lead to 16-5.

During the next four minutes, the Lady Pioneers put-together an 8-0 run. Dube scored half of her team's points during that stretch including an inside hoop, which sliced the deficit to 16-13 with 3:25 remaining in the first half.

North Brookfield held a 19-13 lead at halftime and neither team scored during the first seven minutes of the third quarter.

Pathfinder finally ended the drought with an inside hoop by Wells and a lay-up by senior Mackayla Weldon (2 points)

making the score 19-17 North Brookfield entering the final eight minutes.

"We outscored them 4-0 in the third quarter, but it really should've been 15-0 or 20-0," Aldrich said. "We missed a lot of lay-ups in the third quarter."

A steal and fast-break lay-up by Didonato a minute into the final quarter began an 8-0 Lady Indians run. Her put-back hoop with five minutes left on the scoreboard clock pushed the lead back up to ten points (27-17).

"After not scoring a point in the third quarter, we put it together in the fourth," Bennett said. "We used our full-court press to create steals, which led to baskets. It just gave us the momentum that we needed."

A 3-pointer and made free throw by Wells were the only points Pathfinder scored in the fourth quarter.

While the Lady Indians were looking for a home win in the second meeting between the two teams that was scheduled to be played 72 hours later, the Lady Pioneers were looking to start another winning streak.



Photos by Karen A. Lewis
North Brookfield junior David Shea squeezes through a pair of Pathfinder defenders to get off a shot.



North Brookfield Tyler Patchen gets some lift when he goes for a shot while Pathfinder Sam St. Laurent can only watch.



North Brookfield senior Max Valencourt faces opponents from Pathfinder head on as he battles for the ball.

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half dozen seniors.

"The biggest challenge we have is our inexperience at the varsity level," stated Leroux. "We have two seniors, two juniors, one sophomore, seven freshmen and a couple of eighth graders playing here and there. It's a great thing for the future because these young guys are getting a lot of experience which will help with wins in years to come."

Senior Nicholas Lareau would have obviously liked to have more victories for his final year but has still given over a hundred percent and shared things about his team.

"As frustrating as it is, we have been able to take a very young squad and find ways to make strides toward our goals every day," said Lareau. "They bring incredible energy to every practice and game and that is what makes it more enjoyable."

With a new coach Lareau added there are new things to be learned.

"We lost the core of our program for the last few years last year," continued Lareau. "We still adjusting to a new system that we have to continue to trust."

For Pathfinder, it was too little too late, as North Brookfield outscored them in every quarter until the fourth, when the visitors were able to nail 18 points to the hosts 14.

"It was a great relief to finally see all the hard work the guys have been putting into every game paying off and getting the result we wanted," said Lareau about the win.

Leroux complimented Lareau about his defensive talent, noting much of what this senior does, might not show up in the score-book.

"I'm a very defensive player, and it shows in my game," replied Lareau. "I do whatever I can to help give my team the best chance

to win. Whether that's boxing out stronger, getting rebounds or face-guarding the opposition's player, I just do what I'm asked to do to the best of my ability."

Leading the way for points that night for North Brookfield was senior Max Valencourt with 21 points, followed behind with Tyler Patchen who added 14, Connor Morse with seven and Joe Duszak with six.

High scorer for Pathfinder was Nicholas Beaulieu with 14 and Sam St. Laurent with eight.

"We are not concerned with wins and losses," concluded Leroux. "We are concerned with doing the right things and trying to get better every day. Our guys are learning a lot of valuable life lessons this year. Hopefully it's something they will look back upon and be proud of this year and the effort they have given."

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Cottingham came off the bench to score six points against Monson.

"With Dylan playing limited minutes because of an injury, we needed Chase to look for his offense a little bit more," Dubuc added. "He played with a lot of confidence in tonight's game."

Junior guard Kyle Johnson, who also came off the bench, finished with 10 points. He was the only other South Hadley player to reach double digits.

Carey, a senior guard, chipped in with nine points. Seven of his points came from the free throw line

Rounding out the scoring column for the Tigers were senior guard Brady Marion, who scored all five of his points during the first quarter, junior guard Austin Robinette (5 points), and junior forward Dominic Velazquez (2 points)

The Tigers (5-2) began the regular season with road victories against Granby, Mount Greylock, Smith Academy, and John J. Duggan Academy. They then lost back-to-back games to Holyoke, who's a Division 1 opponent, in their home opener and Bay State Academy of Springfield, which was another road contest.

Monson (3-3) have lost three games by seven or less points. They suffered a 46-42 setback at home against Bi-County West rival Granby on Jan. 3.

"Playing in these types of games during the regular season should help prepare us for where we want to be in a couple of months," said Monson head coach Joe Trivisonno. "We just need to find a way to win these close games."

Monson senior guard Logan Gerry, who sat out the Granby game with an injury, came off the bench. Gerry, who had scored 10 or more points in his first four games of the regular season, only scored four points against the Tigers. Gerry was replaced in the starting line-up by eighth grade Colin Beaupre, who's his cousin.

Not only was Beaupre's first career start at the varsity level, it was also his first varsity game.

"Logan is our senior leader and he's an outstanding basketball player. We've been battling injuries and sickness all season long," Trivisonno said. "We really needed Colin tonight and he did a great job in his first varsity game."

While Beaupre didn't score any points, sophomore forward Colby Duggan led the Mustangs

offensively with a game-high 27 points. He scored 13 of his points during the fourth quarter.

The four other scorers for Monson were junior guard Connor Santos (6 points), junior guard Scottie Watson (6 points), junior forward Gabe Zippin (5 points), and senior forward Sam Malo (2 points).

The Monson head coach was impressed with Zippin's all around performance.

"Gabe will never be defined as a basketball player by his scoring," Trivisonno said. "He always plays the game with a lot of toughness and energy. He's made a lot of progress so far this season."

The Mustangs, who never trailed during the first half, raced out to an 8-0 lead following a Duggan inside hoop with 5:37 left in the first quarter.

The Tigers, who responded with a 7-0 run, closed the gap to 8-7 following a Marion lay-up a minute later.

The score was tied 12-12 entering the second quarter.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Santos gave the visiting team an 18-12 advantage two minutes into the second quarter.

With 3:20 remaining in the rapidly played opening half, Mathers made his first 3-pointer

from the top of the key cutting the deficit to 22-20.

The Mustangs scored the final four points of the half, but they were held without a point during the first five minutes of the third quarter.

The Tigers took the lead at 27-26 with 3:20 remaining in the third quarter following a steal and lay-up by Robinette.

South Hadley entered the final eight minutes of regulation holding a slim 33-32 lead.

A minute into the fourth quarter, the Tigers held a 39-35 lead after Mathers buried another 3-pointer from the top of the key.

Duggan scored the Mustangs first ten points of the final quarter with the help of two lay-ups and a pair of 3-pointers. One his long bombs gave Monson a 43-42 lead with a little more than five minutes remaining in the contest.

With two minutes left, a made free throw by Carey gave the Tigers a five-point lead (51-46).

Monson battled back with field goals by Duggan and Gerry, but they weren't able to retake the lead.

A free throw by Robinette with 7.3 seconds left made the score 52-50 and the Mustangs missed a couple of shots before the buzzer sounded.

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Athlete of the Week



Francis Venne
Palmer High School

Venne scored a three-pointer with 15 seconds remaining to ice Palmer's win over Ware last week.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Palmer High School

Boys Basketball		
Thursday, Jan. 16	Home	Hampshire 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20	Away	Monson 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22	Away	Renaissance 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 17	Away	Sabis 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18	Away	Ware 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20	Away	Amherst 7 p.m.
Ice Hockey (co-op with Amherst Regional)		
Thursday, Jan. 16	Away	W. Springfield 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18	Home	Chicopee 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20	Home	Belchertown 2:30 p.m.
Swimming		
Friday, Jan. 17	Home	Renaissance 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Away	Turners Falls 4 p.m.

Monson High School

Boys Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 17	Home	Southwick 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20	Home	Palmer 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22	Away	Easthampton 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball		
Thursday, Jan. 16	Home	Amherst 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Home	South Hadley 7 p.m.
Swimming		
Friday, Jan. 17	Home	Chicopee Comp. 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Away	Central 4 p.m.

Pathfinder High School

Boys Basketball		
Thursday, Jan. 16	Home	Hampden Charter 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Away	St. Mary's 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 17	Away	Franklin Tech 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20	Home	Duggan 7 p.m.
Wrestling		
Wednesday, Jan. 22	Away	Gateway 6 p.m.

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fensively with a game-high 19 points.

"John played very well at both ends of the court," Rich said. "They did put a lot of pressure on us at the end of the game."

No other Ware player reached double figures.

Junior Keith Smith and sophomore Cody St. Cyr each finished with seven points, while junior Dillon Slattery chipped with six points. Sophomore Andrew Soltys added four points.

The Indians took a 45-38 lead with 5:54 remaining in last Wednesday's contest following a put-back hoop by junior John Soltys.

The basket gave the Indians their largest lead, but it turned out to be their final points of the game.

"Our defense held them scoreless during the final six minutes," Anderson said. "We also rebounded very well down the stretch."

Back-to-back inside hoops by Nate and Jack Letendre closed the gap to 45-42 with 3:45 on the scoreboard clock.

A little more than a minute later, another inside hoop from Placanico made it 45-44.

The Panthers retook the lead at 46-45 with 1:25 left on a put-back hoop by Nate Letendre.

The Indians had several chances to retake the lead again, but they missed a couple of shots and a free throw attempt.

Then Venne gave his team a four-point cushion by hitting a 3-pointer, which turned out to be the final points of the ball-game.

"That was a huge shot by Harvey at the end of the game," Anderson said. "None of our players are scared to make the big play."

It was a very close game during the first three quarters.

A 3-pointer from the right side in the final seconds of the opening quarter by John Soltys gave the visiting team a 16-12 lead.

Palmer held a 24-19 lead with three minutes left in the half, but Ware led by one point (26-25) at halftime.

With the help of a 9-2 run, the Panthers took a 34-28 lead in the middle of the third quarter.

The Indians responded with an impressive 17-4 run, but they watched their lead slip away during the final five minutes.

DEATH NOTICES

Artruc, Dana E.
Died January 8, 2020
Funeral Service January
13, 2020
Lombard Funeral Home

Burke, Ronald J.
Died Jan. 6, 2020
Graveside service in the
spring; Charbonneau
Funeral Home
Ware

Hatch, Richard
Died Dec. 22, 2019
Baldwin Brothers Funeral
and Cremation Society
The Villages, Florida

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O B I T U A R I E S

Dana E. Artuc

WEST BROOKFIELD – Dana “Danny” E. Artruc, 67, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020, at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester. Dana was born March 12, 1952, in Palmer, to the late Ernest E. and Imogene Rose (Bennett) Artruc.

Dana grew up in Monson and lived in several different towns in Massachusetts including Springfield, Ware, New Braintree and West Brookfield. Dana retired after 18 years from IBEW Local 104 Electrician’s Union in Walpole. Dana was also a lifetime member of the Quabog Riders Motorcycle Club.

Dana leaves his loving wife of 31 years, Linda I. (Holbrook) Artruc; his daughter, Darcy, and her husband, Scott Auclair, of Wilbraham; two step-children,

Jeffrey and his wife, Pat Allard, of Ware, and Brenda and Tony Jones of Middletown, Connecticut; his brother, Dean, and his wife, Kim Artruc, of Tolland, Connecticut; his four sisters, Diane and Michael Surprise of Florida, Denise, and her husband, Maurice Pepin, of Springfield, Dawn and her husband, William Legue, of Florida, and Doreen and her husband, Damon Nai, of Enfield, Connecticut; his seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Kathy, and her husband, Steve Cofske, of Florida; his brother-in-law, Michael Franagkis, of Belchertown, his many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and many cousins; as



well as his best friend and companion, Corkie.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge Street, in Monson. Memorial contributions may be made to Second Chance Animal Shelter, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515. Visiting hours were Monday, Jan.13, from 4 to 7 p.m., with a funeral service at 6:30 p.m. at Lombard Funeral Home. The burial was held on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery, Monson.

For online condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

Ronald J. Burke

WARE – Ronald J. Burke, 74, of Ware, died on Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, at Baystate Medical Center after a brief illness.

He leaves his wife, Alberta L. (Fairbrother) Burke, of Ware; his three children, Patrick Burke, and his fiancée, Haley, of Ware, David Burke and Michelle Burke, both of Three Rivers; two beloved grandchildren, Ky-

lie and Anthony; a sister, Donna Scott, of Arkansas, and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Westfield, son of the late Francis R. and Marguerite B. (Lavigne) Burke.

Ronald worked for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation as a truck driver for many years. He was also a former member of the Knights of

Columbus in Palmer.

A graveside service at St. Anne’s Cemetery in Three Rivers will be held in the spring.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

Richard Hatch

THE VILLAGES, FLORIDA – Richard Hatch, 91, of The Villages, Florida, passed away Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019. He was born on July 10, 1928, in Scituate, Massachusetts, to Percy Hatch and Vivian (Yeaton) Hatch-Burns.

Richard leaves his wife of 64 years, Betty (Roberge), a son, Shawn, and his wife, Mary, of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, a granddaughter, Kelly Alys, of Auburn, Massachusetts, and his sister, Eleanore Mustone, of Auburn, New Hampshire. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his siblings; Walter Hatch, Marian Cutter, George Hatch, John Hatch, Virginia LeClair, Robert Hatch and Wilbur Burns.

Richard was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Navy. He settled in Monson, Massachusetts, where he raised his family and worked for over 35 years at the C. F. Church Company. He ended his career at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1991.

He enjoyed fishing, bowling, bocce and playing cards. He was an avid antique bottle collector, amassing a collection of over 1,000 pieces, many found on his unsuccessful deer hunting trips. A fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patri-



ots, he enjoyed watching their games on television. When able he enjoyed going on walks to look for lost change or sea shells on the beach. He always had \$2 bills in his wallet. Later in life he loved to sit on his lanai and watch for planes or birds, or just listen to the rain.

Richard and Betty retired to St. Petersburg, in 1995, moving to The Villages in 2005. The family would like to thank the amazing staff at The Villages Hospice House for their compassionate care of Richard in his final days.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 705 calls from Jan. 8 through Jan. 14. The Department made one arrest. Those arrested will appear at a future date in the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, January 10

Brandon K. Bays, 35, of 1588

N. Main St. Apt. #210, Palmer, was arrested at 10:16 p.m., on North Main Street in Palmer, on two arrest warrants; improper storage of a firearm; and the possession of a firearm without an FID card.

MONSON

The Monson Police Department responded to a total of 207 calls from Jan. 6 through Jan. 11.

The department made 12 arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear at a future date in the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, Jan. 10

Jonathan S. Lewallen, 35, of 251 Main St., Monson, was arrested at 3:33 p.m., on two warrants.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to a total of 13 calls from Jan. 8 through Jan. 14.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 9:56 p.m., the department responded to Emery Street for a chimney fire, with mutual aid from the Bondsville Fire Department. The department returned to service at 11:20 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 10, at 9:40 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Lathrop Street. The department returned to service at 10:15 a.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, at 9:38 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Breckenridge Street. The department returned to service at 10:05 a.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10:45 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Central Street. The department returned to service at 11:14 a.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, at 7:50 p.m., the department responded to South Main Street for an unauthorized burning. The department returned to service at 8:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Jan. 12, at 6:20 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Baptist Hill Road. The department returned to service at 6:52 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 13, at 12:47 a.m., the department responded to Depot Street for a smoke detector activation. The department returned to service at 1:10 a.m.

On Monday, Jan. 13, at 10:50 a.m., the department responded to Southbridge Road for a structure fire, with mutual from the Warren Fire Department. The department returned to service at 11:54 a.m.

On Monday, Jan. 13, at 4:58 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Summer Street.

The department returned to service at 5:27 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 13, at 5:37 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Pinney Street. The department returned to service at 6:02 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 13, at 6:19 p.m., the department responded to a call from Stony Hill Road that was cancelled en route. The department returned to service at 6:37 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 13, at 10:58 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Ware Street. The department returned to service at 11:28 p.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 12:50 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 1:26 a.m.

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to a total of three calls from Jan. 7 through Jan. 13.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 9:56 p.m., the department responded to Emery Street for a chimney fire. The department returned to service at 11:10 p.m.

On Monday, Jan 13., at 1:00 a.m., the department responded to State Street for a carbon-monoxide detector activation. The department returned to service at 1:20 a.m.

On Monday, Jan. 13, at 12:34 p.m., the on-duty officer responded to Main Street for an unauthorized burning complaint. The officer returned to service at 1:10 p.m.

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to a total of three calls from Jan. 8 through Jan. 11.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 4:27 p.m., the department responded to a cooking incident on Springfield Street. The department returned to

service at 4:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 9:56 p.m., the department provided mutual aid to the Bondsville Fire Department. The department returned to service at 11:00 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, at 3:51 p.m., the department provided public assistance on Springfield St. The department returned to service at 4:10 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to a total of six calls from Jan. 6 through Jan. 12.

On Monday, Jan. 6, at 12:57 p.m., the department responded to Stebbins Road for a motor vehicle collision.

On Monday, Jan. 6, at 2:16 p.m., the department responded to the area of High and Margaret streets for a motor vehicle collision. The department returned to service at 2:43 p.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 11:49 a.m., the department responded to Country Club Drive for a carbon-monoxide activation. The department returned to service at 1:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 8:45 p.m., the department responded to State Street for an unknown alarm. The department returned to service 8:54 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 9, at 8:22 a.m., the department responded to Palmer Road for a fire alarm. The department returned to service at 8:42 a.m.

On Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2:44 p.m., the department responded to Palmer Road for a report of smoke in the area. The department returned to service at 3:00 p.m.

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Have a church listing for the Palmer, Monson, Wales, Brimfield, and Holland area published here, please send the information to: The Journal Register, Attn. Douglas Farmer, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069; or by e-mail at dfarmer@turley.com.

WALES BAPTIST CHURCH located at 23 Main St., Wales Will have music by the Praise and Worship Group on Sundays from 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday service is at 10 a.m., Bible studies are held on Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Ladies Bible study is Tuesday at 10 a.m. A St. Patrick’s Day Croned Beef Dinner will be Saturday, March 16 at 4 p.m. A Strawberry Music Missions Festival is held in June and the Annual Share Fair is Oct. 5, 2019.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH, located at the former Sts. Peter & Paul Church on Main Street in Three Rivers offers Holy Mass on these days and times. The Lord’s Day: Saturday Vigils at 4 and 5:15 p.m.; Sunday at 8 a.m. (in Polish) and 9:30 a.m.; Daily Masses (except Tuesday) at 8 a.m.; Tuesday preceded by Miraculous Medal and Our Lady of Czestochowa Novena at 5:30 p.m.; Holy days at 8 a.m. and either 5:30 or 7 p.m.; Seasonal Devotions in Lent, May and October.

Pastor is Rev. Stefan Niemczyk, and Permanent Deacon is Rev. Mr. John Fox.

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer, welcomes believers, seekers, and visitors. Traditional, friendly Sunday services at 10 a.m. value every participant, featuring varied musical offerings and meaningful messages relevant to today’s world. We seek participation of children in our services and Sunday School, with Child Care also available. Fellowship Times after each service offer delicious snacks with opportunities to chat with others. Videotaped recordings on Sundays available at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Cable Channel 15. Discover some true values in our Thrift Shop (Fri/Sat, 10-2). Contact us at 283-5206, secondchurchpalmer.org, Palmer UCC Church on Facebook, or second.church@verizon.net. Visit occasionally or find your spiritual home – your choice!

ST. PATRICK’S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH at 22 Green St. in Monson will hold Masses on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m., Miraculous Medal Novena on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. and St. Peregrine Novena on Fridays at 7 p.m. Also recently added is Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays at 3 p.m. Pastor is Fr. John J. Brennan. For more information call 267-3622 or visit st-

patrickmonson.org.

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH has moved to Monson, at 125 Main St. (back of Norcross House). Services will be held on Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m., with a children’s church lesson during the 11 a.m. service. Food and fellowship follow the service. On Wednesday night, there will be a prayer and worship service at 6 p.m. The Grace Cafe Open Mic Night will be held the last Friday of every month at 7 p.m. Contact Pastor Larry Desreuisseau with questions at 413-559-1618.

NEW BIRTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH at 29 Church St. in Thorndike (across from the post office) would like to invite you to their regular services: Sunday Morning Worship and Children’s Church are held at 11 a.m. (A nursery is provided for all services). For more info, call the Rev. William Webb at 283-5130.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 20 Main St., P.O. Box 203, Brimfield hosts weekly worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Dawn Adams. A free community breakfast is offered before services at 9:30 a.m. and coffee hour follows worship. For more information on the church, services and activities, call 413-245-

7162, or visit www.brimfielducc.org.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets in Ware, will hold regular worship services each Sunday at 10 a.m. with church school for children at 9:15 a.m. For more information call Rev. Mary Rosendale at 413-967-6100.

CROSSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH at 2230 Main St., Three Rivers, holds a relevant, doctrinally sound and friendly place of worship for the entire family with Pastors Dennis and Heather Marais. Sunday Services at 10 a.m. and Children’s Church at 10 a.m. Lunch is served after the Sunday service. Join us for E.P.I.C. (Endless Possibilities In Christ), every first and third Friday of the month. The doors are open for all youth, ages 12 to 18 or sixth to 12th grade. The youth zone will offer a variety of free play areas and group gaming, including air hockey, ping pong, corn hole and craft zone, as well as a group message from the Word of God. For more info, call 413-297-5488, email crosswayusa@comcast.net or visit www.facebook.com/crosswaypalmer or www.TheCrossway.org.

ST. CHRISTOPHER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH at 16 Sturbridge Road in Brimfield holds Masses on Saturday

at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday, with the Miraculous Medal Novena and Adoration following Wednesday’s Mass. Pastor is Father John “Jack” J. Brennan who is also the pastor for St. Patrick’s in Monson. For more information call 413-245-7274 or email stchrisbrimfield@gmail.com.

MONSON-GLENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH at the corner of Main & Cushman streets in Monson invites you to worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Child Care is provided. Sunday School from pre-school through senior high begins at 9:45 a.m. To learn more, contact the Rev. Ira Cameron at 267-3798 or email m-gumc@verizon.net or visit umcmg.org.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH at 251 Shearer St. in Palmer invites the public to the following weekly services: Sunday morning Bible school at 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Grow Ministry at 6:30 p.m. Child care is provided during all services as well as children’s church for age 4 to 10 during Sunday morning services. Services may be seen Sundays at 12:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on cable TV channel 15 as well as a program

Public Notices

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

Notice is hereby given by WingWell LLC that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 6 p.m. EST at the Palmer Police Station Conference Room located at 4419 Main Street Palmer, MA 01069.** The proposed Marijuana Cultivation and Manufacturing facility is anticipated to be located at 4145 Church Street Palmer, MA 01079. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. 1/16/2020

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Premises: 11 Wales Road, Monson, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Curt L. Jameson and Chantelle D. Jameson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, said mortgage dated October 21, 2017, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 21932 at Page 146 and now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. to Freedom Mortgage Corporation dated January 21, 2019 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 22528 at Page 447 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **January 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

EXHIBIT A

Real property in the City of **MONSON**, County of **HAMPDEN**, State of **Massachusetts**, described as follows: **ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF THE ROAD LEADING FROM MONSON TO WALES, AT AN IRON PIN TWO HUNDRED NINE AND 90/100 (209.90) FEET EASTERLY MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF SAID ROAD FROM THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF WILLIAM P. STONE; THENCE RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY BY SAID WALES ROAD TO LAND CONVEYED TO ONE FRANK E. THOMPSON BY DEED DATED APRIL 17, 1893, RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 507, PAGE 553 (BELIEVED LATER TO BE LAND OF ONE LEVEILLE); THENCE RUNNING WESTERLY BY LAST NAMED LAND AND LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ONE GEORGE H. THOMPSON; THENCE RUNNING NORTHWESTERLY BY AN ASSUMED BEARING OF N 66° 29' 00" W, BY LAST NAMED LAND AND BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ONE ADA M. BERSELLI, TO AN IRON PIPE AT LAND OF JAMES H. TONER, WHICH IRON PIPE IS ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE AND 61/100 (139.61) FEET FROM THE IRON PIPE AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ON A ASSUMED BEARING OF S 21° 33' 50" W FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUNNING NORTH 21° 33' 50" E ALONG SAID LAND OF JAMES H. TONER, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE AND 61/100 (139.61) FEET TO THE IRON PIN AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

THE AFORESAID BOUNDS AND BEARINGS ARE SHOWN ON A PLAN MADE FOR JAMES H. TONER BY RICHARD H. STOWE, R.I.S. DATED AUGUST 5, 1970, REVISED SEPTEMBER 9, 1970, RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK OF PLANS 124, PAGE 1.

BEING ALL OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY CONVEYED TO CURT L. JAMESON AND CHANTELE D.

JAMESON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY FROM JAMES RUSSELL BELMER AND SHARON A. BELMER (A/K/A SHARON A. MAHARNE), HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED DATED JUNE 20, 2014 AND RECORDED JUNE 20, 2014 IN/AS BOOK 20321, PAGE 370 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated, and recorded in Book 20321 at Page 370 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
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Attorney for Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868
1/02, 1/09, 1/16/2020

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 19 SM 005394
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Lance Bokowski and Lindsay A. Bokowski a/k/a Lindsey A. Bokowski** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

IslandCap LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Palmer, numbered 11 Flynt Street, given by Lance Bokowski and Lindsay A. Bokowski a/k/a Lindsey A. Bokowski to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for E*Trade Wholesale Lending Corp., dated July 23, 2007, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16831, Page 511, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **February 10, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non compliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 2, 2020

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
1/16/2020

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

Public notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana establishment is scheduled for **5:00 p.m., January 30, 2020 at the Palmer Police Department Community Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, Massachusetts.** The proposed retail marijuana establishment is located at 289 Wilbraham Street, Palmer Massachusetts. The establishment will be co-located with the Heka Inc. Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC). There will be an opportunity

for the public to ask questions. 1/16/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Steven F. DeMarco, Delena DeMarco** to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated September 24, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13620, Page 567, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated November 19, 2018, and recorded with said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22499, Page 355, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 PM on January 29, 2020**, on the mortgaged premises located at 4 Lake George Road, Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The premises known as Lot 2, Lake George Road a/k/a 4 Lake George Road, Wales, Massachusetts, to Wit: Being Lot 2 on a plan of lots recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 248, Page 81, to which reference may be had for a more particular description. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by Deed of Marie H. Fish et als dated 03-17-00 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11128, Page 563. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11128, Page 563.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA S/B/M TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE INC. Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
17629
1/02, 1/09, 1/16/2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS (SEAL)

LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket 20 SM 000050
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Lawrence L. Derosier** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Palmer, numbered 25 Mount Dumplin Road,** given by **Lawrence L. Derosier and Kerrie Derosier** to

National City Mortgage a division of National City Bank, dated July 31, 2008, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17413, Page 522, as affected by a Loan Modification dated June 9, 2010, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 18375, Page 365, as affected by a Loan Modification dated May 8, 2013, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 19959, Page 38, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **February 17, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER** Chief Justice of this Court on January 6, 2020

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
(19-011928 Orlans)
1/16/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **JEANETTE L. DRISCOLL** to **SOUTHB R I D G E SAVINGS BANK** dated December 15, 2008 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 17580, Page 387 (the "Mortgage"), of which Mortgage the undersigned (the "Mortgagee") is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020** at the mortgaged premises located on or near 55 Leno Road, Holland, Massachusetts (the "Premises"), all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit:

"The land with the buildings thereon in Holland, Hampden County, Massachusetts on the northerly side of Lead Mine Road, sometimes called Leno Road, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin set in the corner of the stone wall on the northerly side of the Lead Mine Road, said pin being the South East corner of the "Morse Lot", so-called;

THENCE North 63° 74' W. along the Lead Mine Road for a distance of 403.28 feet to an iron pin set in the stone wall;

THENCE N. 45° 23' E. along land formerly of Stanton L. & Gladys D. Bradway a distance of 520.10 feet to an iron pin at the side of the old wood road leading from the Lead Mine Road in a northerly direction to land formerly of Stanton L. & Gladys D. Bradway;

THENCE S. 62° 54' E. 143.72 feet to an iron pin in the stone wall, which is the line wall between the aforementioned Morse lot and land formerly of Georgiana A. Dupuis, sometimes called the Ratigan Place;

THENCE S. 15° 24' W. along the line wall a distance of 453.91 feet to a drill hole in a large stone at an angle of the line wall;

THENCE S. 20° 50' W. along the line wall a distance of 46.09 feet to an iron pin at the corner of the wall at the side of Lead Mine Road, which pin is the point of beginning.

BEING an area of 3.06 acres, more or less, as designated on a map by Theodore P. Drazek, Registered Land Surveyor, North Brookfield, Mass., dated September 22, 1964.

Subject to easements for poles and wires across the southwest corner of the premises.

Subject to a right of

way over the herein mentioned old wood road from the Lead Mine Road to land northerly of the herein described premises.

Subject to restrictions of record.

BEING the same premises conveyed to Jeanette L. Driscoll by deed from Devon T. Driscoll and Jeanette L. Driscoll dated October 27, 2008 and recorded immediately prior hereto in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17580, page 384."

The description of the Premises contained in the Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The Premises, together with all improvements encumbered by the Mortgage, are to be sold and conveyed subject to all leases, tenancies, occupancies, mortgages, restrictions, covenants, orders of conditions, easements, encroachments, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, federal and state tax liens, other liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances recorded prior to the Mortgage and/ or otherwise having priority over the Mortgage, if there be any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS, non-refundable, is to be paid by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, the balance to be paid by certified or bank cashier's check and deed to be taken by purchaser within thirty (30) days of the sale at the offices of Seder & Chandler, LLP, 339 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, attorneys for the Mortgagee.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the adjourned sale.

In the event of the failure or inability of the purchaser to perform and to purchase the Premises in accordance herewith, the Mortgagee reserves the right (but is not obligated) to accept, subject to the Memorandum of Sale, the second highest bid for the Premises, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons. In the event that the Mortgagee offers the Premises to the second highest bidder and such person declines either to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price or to sign the Memorandum of Sale, then the Mortgagee may elect (but is not obligated) to exercise the rights of the second highest bidder under this paragraph and to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons.

Other terms to be announced at the time and place of sale.

C O R N E R S T O N E BANK, successor by merger to Southbridge Savings Bank
Present holder of said Mortgage
Jennifer L. Conrad, Esq.
SEDER & CHANDLER, LLP
339 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 757-7721
Attorneys for the Mortgagee

FRANCIS J. TRAPASSO & ASSOCIATES
47 Harvard Street
Worcester, MA 01609
(508) 798-0287
Auctioneer, License No. 252
1/09, 1/16, 1/23/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 184 Bumstead Road, Monson, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Caleb A. Giard** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Inland Bank and Trust, said mortgage dated August 29, 2017, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book

21834 at Page 352 and now held by The Money Source Inc. by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Inland Bank and Trust to The Money Source Inc., dated June 20, 2019 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22741, Page 32 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **January 31, 2020 at 12:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land on the easterly side of Bumstead Road, Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, known and designated as Lot #6, on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots 4-10 for Karl Piepho, scale 1"-80", Pharmed Engineering Corporation, January 13, 1975, Holyoke, Mass., which plan is recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 155, page 122, more particularly bounded as follows: Westerly by Bumstead Road, two hundred and 00/100(200.00) feet; Northerly by Lot No. Five (5) as shown on said plan, two hundred fifty and 00/100 (250.00) feet; Easterly by land now or formerly of Karl Piepho, two hundred and 00/100 (200.00) feet; and Southerly by Lot No. Seven (7) as shown on said plan, two hundred fifty and 00/100 (250.00) feet; containing 50,000 square feet of land. Subject to spring rights mentioned in a deed from Paul A. Meurisse to James E. Meurisse et ux dated October 2, 1937, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 1644, Page 583, insofar as such rights may be in force and affect the granted premises. For title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of deeds immediately herewith.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated July 26, 2017, and recorded in Book 21834 at Page 350 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for The Money Source Inc.
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868
1/09, 1/16, 1/23/2020

LEGAL NOTICE
Towns of
Holland and Wales
FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant Application
Public Hearing Notice

The Holland Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing regarding its proposed FY 2020 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program. **The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Holland Town Hall located at 27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA.** In the event of a weather cancelation, the meeting will occur on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the same time and location. The proposed application outlines programs and services to benefit residents in both Holland and Wales.

The proposed grant application will seek funds

for a housing rehabilitation assistance program, design engineering services for Union Road, and public social services. Additional projects will be discussed and may be included in the grant application.

The public hearing will offer residents of both communities the opportunity to comment on proposed projects. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will assist the Town of Holland Board of Selectmen who will be responsible for administration of the application, if awarded.

Any person or organization having questions or comments concerning the proposed application will have an opportunity to be heard. Persons who require special accommodations should contact the Holland Selectmen's Office one week prior to the hearing date, (413) 245-7108

Ernest Fancy, Chairman
Holland Board of Selectmen
1/16/2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS (SEAL)

LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket 20 SM 000056
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Lisa A. Lewis** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Holland**, numbered **5 Brook Road**, given by **Lisa A. Lewis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank, its successors and assigns, dated February 28, 2017, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 21583, Page 376, as affected by a Loan Modification dated October 2, 2018, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 22443, Page 243,** and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **February 17, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER** Chief Justice of this Court on January 6, 2020

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
(19-011924 Orlans)
1/16/2020

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Elizabeth McCollum and Michael Suleski** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Master, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated June 1, 2009 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 17817, Page 89, as affected by an Affidavit recorded in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 22886, Page 578, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Master, Incorporated, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 20379, Page 414 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 AM on January 23, 2020** at 1-3 Bourne Street, Palmer

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

(Three Rivers), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate at the intersection of Bourne Street and Belanger Street in the Village of Three Rivers, Town of Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the ground in the southerly line of said Bourne Street at the Northwest corner of land of J. Walas;

thence NORTH 83° 0' WEST along the Southerly line of said Bourne Street a distance of ninety (90) feet to the intersection of the southerly line of said Bourne Street and the Easterly line of said Belanger Street;

thence SOUTH 4° 19' EAST along the easterly line of said Belanger Street one hundred fifteen (115) feet, to an iron pin in the ground in line of land of W. Renaud, formerly of one Alice E. Bergeron;

thence NORTH 85° 41' EAST along the line of said land of W. Renaud eighty and 15/100 (80.15) feet to an iron pin in the ground in line of land of J. Wales;

thence NORTH 0° 39' EAST along the line of said land of Walas, one hundred (100) feet more or less to the iron pin in the ground in the southerly line of said Bourne Street at the point of beginning.

BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by deed of Christopher T. Salva dated May 29, 2009 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds herewith. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Present Holder of said Mortgage.

By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
19-008011
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titled “Reflections,” at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. A radio broadcast, “Melodies of Faith,” airs over WARE 1250 AM each Sunday morning at 7:05 a.m. For more information, call 283-7560 or visit faithbaptistchurchpalmer.com.

ST. PAUL’S UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH at the corner of Park and Central streets in Palmer has welcomed Rev. Rae Pertet and his wife Kimberly. The church invites you every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for worship services. A time of fellowship and refreshments follows the service at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Funday School for children ages 4 to 11 will be held at 10 a.m. Come as you are to join the free flow of ideas and ideals that is Unitarian Universalism. There is a place for you here. For more information call 413-283-8185 or email stpaulsuuchurch@gmail.com or visit www.uuchurch-palmer.org or on Facebook at “St. Paul’s Unitarian Universalist Church of Palmer.”

THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PARISH OF MONSON located at 177 Main St., Monson holds services on Sundays at 10 a.m., starting on the first Sunday after Labor Day through the third Sunday in June. Guest ministers and lay leaders lead services. All are welcome to attend for food and fellowship after services. Unitarian Universalism nurtures those of widely different beliefs to pursue beloved community and a world where all people experience dignity and worth. For more information, visit uupm.org.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF MONSON, Congregational/United Church of Christ, at 5 High St. in Monson invites you to regular worship services which are held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. A free breakfast is

served each Sunday from 8 to 9:45 a.m. from mid-September to mid-June (donations are accepted but not required). Everyone is welcome. Sunday School and nursery care are offered during worship from the second Sunday in September through mid-June. Whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here. For more information, please call 413-267-3312, visit www.firstchurchmonson.org, email office@firstchurchmonson.org, find the church on Facebook at www.facebook.com/firstchurchmonson.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH located at 1076 Thorndike Ma. Fr. Richard M. Turner, Pastor Tel. 283-5091, email: sttompal@comcast.net. Masses are: Mon through Fri. @ 9:00 am, Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 8:30am and 11:00am. Holydays @ 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm-4:10 pm or by appointment. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays. 9:30 am to 1pm. Miraculous Medal Novena Tuesdays @9:30 am. Every 2nd Saturday of the Month a Parish Family and Friends homemade dinner is served at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm all in our community are invited to please join us, free will donations are accepted and appreciated.**SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH**, at 1050 Thorndike St., Palmer invites the community each Sunday at 10 a.m. for atime of worship, fellowship and prayer. There is Bible Study every Thursday at the church at 2 p.m. For more information contact the church at 413-289-6464 or 2ndbaptistchurch@comcast.net.

BETHANY CHARISMATIC CATHOLIC CHURCH at 167 Dunhamtown Road in Brimfield (www.bethanyccc.org). Masses are Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m., followed by night prayer.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. For more information or to speak to a member of the clergy call 413-324-1164 and leave a message. Come join us in worship of our great and loving God.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, 9 East Brimfield/Holland Road, Brimfield offers Sunday morning service at 11 a.m., with Sunday Bible study at 9:45 a.m., and Wednesday evening prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Small group bible studies, youth and children activities available. Call Pastor Dave Pettis at 413-245-1275 or visit www.friendshipma.com, if interested in more information.

HOLLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH at 11 Sturbridge Road has two morning worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 10 a.m. We also gather every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for men’s and women’s Bible studies, prayer services, youth group and Kids for Christ ministries. We offer nursery care for all our services. Call the church office for more information at 413-245-9926 or visit the Web site at www.HollandChurch.org.

QUABBIN VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH at 258 Malboeuf Road, Ware offers services on Sundays including adult prayer at 9 a.m., adult Bible study and children’s Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. There is also women’s Bible study on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The church is one where the Bible and church are real and relevant, with sincere Christian fellowship, practical Bible teaching and personable leadership. For more information, call 413-668-7041, e-mail quabbinvalleybaptist@gmail.com or visit www.quabbinvalleybaptist.com.

Auditor calls for improved controls of taxpayer data

BOSTON – In an audit released Dec. 16, State Auditor Suzanne Bump cautions inadequate controls at the state’s Department of Revenue could make sensitive taxpayer data, including Social Security numbers and tax payment history, vulnerable to cyberattacks and inappropriate disclosure.

The audit, which examined the period of July 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2018, found DOR was not prepared to respond to or mitigate cyberattacks faced by it or its vendors. The report notes DOR did not have procedures in place to guide its response to IT security incidents. Additionally, the department had not fully assessed the IT vulnerabilities facing third-party vendors that have access to personally identifiable information.

“The Department of Revenue has incredibly sensitive data about every taxpayer and business in the commonwealth,” Bump said in a press release. “Taxpayers have no choice but to provide this information to DOR, so it has the responsibility to do everything it can to keep it safe. If this information was improperly disclosed by the agency or one of its vendors, it could wreak havoc on the lives of millions of Bay State residents.”

During the audit period, DOR faced a series of incidents that inappropriately exposed sensitive data. One data breach exposed the private information including tax payment records and tax identification numbers of roughly 39,000 business taxpayers. Additionally, the audit found computer problems delayed child support payments to roughly 1,500 parents, and a separate computer issue resulted in the agency accidentally sent nearly 6,100 mailings related to child support payments – which include Social Security numbers – to the wrong addresses.

The audit calls on DOR to establish an IT strategy committee to oversee the agency’s technology services, and encourages the department to update its agreement with the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security to clarify IT-related roles and responsibilities between the two offices.

In its response, DOR said it is taking steps to address the issues identified by the audit. The audit notes DOR has designed and implemented a training program to protect personal information and has policies supporting the protection of this data.



Public Notices

**Town of Palmer
Community Development
Block Grant
Request for Proposals for
Public Social Services**

The Town of Palmer, through its Community Development Office, is seeking proposals from qualified public social service providers that are in need of funding assistance. Proposals may be included as part of the Town’s application for funding through Community Development Block Grant program in FY 20 from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Eligible activities must help to build economic security and self-sufficiency. Programs must be related to domestic violence services, job-related transportation assistance, or substance abuse services. The proposed program must serve residents of Palmer and serve predominately low to moderate income people.

Funding may not be requested for a program that is already funded by a state or federal agency, or is already available to residents of Palmer. The Town may choose to fund all, any, or none of the proposals submitted. The funding amount requested may be adjusted to fit within the grant budget. The Town may request up to \$165,000 for up to five social service projects in the FY 20 grant application.

If a proposal is selected to be included in the FY 20 CDBG grant application, additional information will be required in order to complete the grant application. It is anticipated that the period of performance will be 12 to 14 months, likely from October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. These time frames are subject to change.

Proposals must be submitted to the Palmer Community Development Office, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069 by Monday, February 10, 2019 at 11:00 AM. The

full Request for Proposals is available at www.town-ofpalmer.com or by contacting the Community Development Office at sszczebak@townofpalmer.com. 1/16, 1/23/2020

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD19P1042PM**

**In the interests of:
Marlene Rame
Of: Palmer, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
TO EXPAND THE
POWERS OF
A CONSERVATOR**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Jewish Family Service of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Conservator of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/04/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after

the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.**
Date: January 07, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
1/16/2020

**MORTGAGEE’S
NOTICE OF
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Zoe Ann Riley and Kenneth E. Riley** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Master, Incorporated, and assigns, dated August 20, 2008 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 17440, Page 48 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on November 18, 2014 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 20503, Page 120, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Master, Incorporated, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 19128, Page 102 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **3:00 PM on February 6, 2020** at 129 Stafford Road, Monson, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land and buildings in Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Lot A as shown on a plan of land entitled “Plan of Land in Monson, MA prepared for John G. & Louis E. Costello” dated October 8, 2004, Minuteman Engineering, West Brookfield, MA and recorded in the Hampden District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 336, Plan 123. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by deed recorded herewith. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws,

liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney’s fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee’s attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
19-008310
1/16, 1/23, 1/30/2020

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD19P2479EA**

**Estate of:
Nancy A Stanton
Date of Death: 12/31/2018
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**
To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Margery J Wilburn** of Taneytown MD requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the

Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Margery J Wilburn** of Taneytown MD be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **01/27/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.**
Date: December 30, 2019

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
1/16/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE’S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Carl R. Young and Jerome E. Wayson** to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated November 30, 2004 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 14663, Page 132 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust 2017-1 is the present holder by Assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated February 11, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 20412,

Page 508, and Assignment from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SROF-2013-S3 REMIC Trust II dated September 23, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 20436, Page 594, and Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SROF-2013-S3 REMIC Trust II to USROF III Legal Title Trust 2015-1, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee to FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC dated September 19, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21385, Page 319, and Assignment from FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC dated September 19, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21811, Page 53, and Assignment from FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC to WF Master REO, LLC dated August 30, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21842, Page 187, and Assignment from Wilmington 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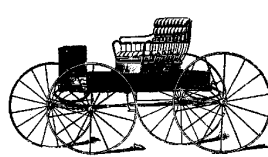
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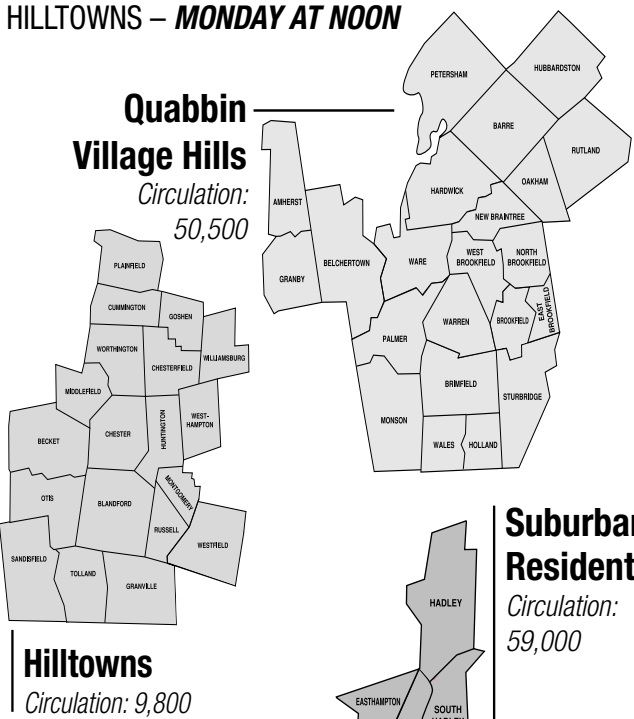
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THE MONSON LIONS CLUB has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

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BOOKSTORE at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children's books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-0033 for more information.

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SENIOR LUNCHEON. The Monson Council on Aging invites seniors over age 60 to its luncheon program every Monday – Friday at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. Home cooked meals are always served at noon. The requested donation of \$2.50 includes the entrée, bread, dessert and beverage. Menus are available in the COA newsletter. Luncheon reservations must be made by 2:30 p.m. the day before you would like to come to lunch. For more info or van reservations, call 267-4121.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 30

SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTIONS Edward Jones will answer questions about social security on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 5:30 p.m., at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 N. Main St. in Palmer. There will be a presentation that includes how Social Security fits into peoples' retirement income plans, when to take benefits and information regarding taxes. Those who would like to attend are asked to please call 413-289-1875 by Jan. 23.

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with Vicki is offered the third Tuesday of the month from 9:15-11:15 a.m., by appointment only. The cost is \$5 for 10 minutes and \$15 for 20 minutes. For more information call 413-245-7253.

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM is closed for winter and will re-open on April 5, 2020 at 35 Ely Rd., Monson. Nature trails are open daily for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. New trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts) For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org or visit www.keephomesteadmuseum.org

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MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED by the Monson Democratic Town Committee that holds meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Polish American Citizens Club, 7 Bliss St., Monson at 7 p.m.

HAVE YOU HAD A BABY RECENTLY? If you are living in the Palmer, Monson or surrounding communities and you have a newborn baby, call the Palmer Monson Family Network at 283-6246 to get your free canvas bag packing with information for you and practical goodies for your baby. The Family Network, a Collaborative for Educational Services program, is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

PLAY & LEARN DROP-IN TIME is happening throughout the school year at the Palmer Monson Family Network on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-11:30am. The free playgroup includes free play time, snack and circle time and is open to all families and caregivers and their children from 0-5 years old. All PMFN programs are free. The PMFN is located at 4 Springfield St. in Three Rivers and is a program of the Collaborative of Educational Services and receives funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care. For more information call 283-6246.

INFANT AND TODDLER TIME at the Palmer Monson Family Network is available for families with little ones from 0-24 months of age. The free program happens throughout the school year on Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and provides a fun environment for families and caregivers to connect with others with young children. Snack and circle time are included. Call 283-6246 for more information.

HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 40 Brimfield Holland, has announced the following recurring events: Stay Fit classes with Sharon on Mondays at 9:30 a.m., Dance Fit with Alice on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Low Impact Workout with Debbie Sichel on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Yoga with Sharon on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Tai Chi with David Masera every other Thursday at 10 a.m. For more information call 413-245-3163.

STORYTELLING WITH COLLEEN LOWE-SMITH at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, Mondays at 10:30 a.m. In this group, participants will reflect together on life experiences and practice the art of listening as well as telling. Celebrate one another's unique stories, inspire one another, create empathy, discover wisdom, and provoke one another to reflect more deeply on one's own experiences. Participants are welcome to just listen or to tell a story. There is no cost for this program. Call 413-245-7253 for further information.

FRIDAY ZUMBA CLASSES are offered at the Palmer Senior Center, 1029 Central St., Palmer, on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$25 for five classes or \$7 for drop-in. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or wallace413@gmail.com.

ELBOW PLANTATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets the second Thursday of every month (except July, August, January and February) in the community room of the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St.,

Palmer from 2-4 p.m.

KIDS' CHESS CLUB is hosted at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., Palmer on Tuesday afternoons in the community room from 4-5 p.m. All ages are welcome, including kindergarten through grade 12, families and adults. There is no need to sign-up. For more information contact William Nolte at 413-596-9021.

DIAMOND NATIONAL/CASCADES DIAMOND. Did you every work there? Former employees meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Burgundy Brook Restaurant on Route 181 in Palmer from 9-10 a.m. The stories shared are often colorful but old friendships are renewed.

TICK TALK – A Lyme disease support group of Monson will meet at Grace Community Church at the Norcross House, 125 Main St., Monson the last Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-noon. The group can be found online at facebook.com/monsonlymesupport/ or monsonlymesupport.com.

FREE PLAYGROUP sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield. Music and Movement on Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday and Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977.

A NEW, ONGOING ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholic/Dysfunctional Families) will be held on Friday nights at the First Church of Monson, 5 High St., Monson. ACA is a 12-step support group for adults raised in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. "Another Way to Live" will meet at 6:30 p.m. Voluntary donations only.

WEEKLY CLASSES at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Mondays and Wednesdays lunch is served at noon, reservations required by calling 413-245-3163 and a \$2 donation is requested. Mondays at 10 a.m. is yoga class with Mah Jongg, and Monday evenings at 6 p.m. is Texas Hold 'Em. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. is the Coffee Social which is open to everyone, and Open Crafts are held on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Zumba is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Mah Jongg is at 1 p.m. and Yoga is at 5 p.m., plus Pitch at 6:30 p.m. Stained glass is every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Cribbage is weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Walking Club is on Thursdays at 4 p.m. The Billiard Room is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. For everyone. For more information, call 413-245-3163.

MONTHLY CLASSES at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Cards Against Humanity on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and Magic the Gathering on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 413-245-3163.

CARD AND/OR BOARD GAMES will be offered at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. A \$1 donation is suggested. For more information call 413-245-7253.

MONDAY ZUMBA CLASSES are offered at Memorial Town Hall, 198 Main St., Monson, on Mondays at 8:30 a.m., sponsored by the Monson Parks and Recreation Department. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$30 for five classes or \$8 for drop-ins. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or wallace413@gmail.com.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. The group is comprised of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. Local meetings are held every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at The Living Room of Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St., Ware; every Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 22 Green St., Monson; Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Belchertown United Congregational Church, 18 Park St., Belchertown; every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the Palmer Historical & Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers; and every Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer. For more information or to find additional meetings throughout the New England area, visit

www.nerna.org.

FREE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASS at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield. All ages are welcome in this free program sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation 5, held on Wednesdays, 9-9:45 a.m.; no programs during school vacations or holidays. Listen and move to music and create some of your own. The instructor is Jenn Gagnon. For more information, call Patti Sinko at 508-867-2232 or email sinkop@tantasqua.org.

NEW MUSEUM PASSES are available at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., Monson. The Friends of the Monson Free Library have renewed the list of museum passes which include free or discounted admission to area attractions like the Connecticut Science Museum, MassMOCA, New England Air Museum, Worcester Art Museum and the Wadsworth Athenaeum. Old favorites that are still available include the Eric Carle Museum, Massachusetts state parks, Mystic Aquarium, Smith College Museum of Art, Springfield Museums and the USS Constitution.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME will be held at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Join the group for stories, crafts and silliness. No registration is needed and all are welcome.

BOUNCE AND RHYME BABY TIME will be held at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for children up to 2 ½. No registration is required and all are welcome.

PALMER FOOD SHARE, INC., an emergency food pantry, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Food Share is located at 39 Walnut St. in Palmer. Call 283-3614 with questions or to order to pick up food.

FAMILY MUSEUM PASSES are available from the Palmer Public Library. Use your library card to borrow passes to area museums for free or reduced admission to regular museum exhibits at locations like Boston Museum of Science, Ecotarium, Eric Carle Museum, Holyoke Children's Museum, Mass Audubon, Mass. State Parks, Mystic Aquarium, Normal Rockwell Museum, Salem Witch Museum, Springfield Library & Museums and the U.S.S. Constitution. Passes may be reserved ahead for a specific day by calling the library at 283-3330 ext. 0 or at www.palmer.lib.mas.us.

AL-ANON FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY meetings - a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve our common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon has one purpose, to help families and friends of alcoholics. The group meets Fridays at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer from 6:30-7:30 p.m. a

QUILTERS OF MONSON meet every Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. at Columbia Hall, across from St. Patrick's Church in Monson at 22 Green St. Experienced and beginner quilters get together to work on projects, exchange idea, provide help and encouragement in a friendly and fun atmosphere. For more information call Wendy Skillman at 413-355-0305 or email WendySkill@hotmail.com or go to 'Monson Quilts' on Facebook.

STAINED GLASS CLASSES at the Holland Senior Center are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tai Chi (Qui Chong) with Dave Masera has moved to Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Power Yoga on Thursday nights has ended and will resume in the Fall. Movie Night has also returned to the center and will commence on Thursdays in May. For more information contact the center at 413-245-3163.

NURSE DONNA BROWN, RN, of Professional Medical Services, will be at the Palmer Senior Center the first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m.-noon and every Friday from 9-11 a.m. for blood pressure screenings, blood glucose screenings and to help you with any questions about your medications or other health issues. No appointment is necessary.

MARTHA'S TABLE. Free to the public, a fellowship luncheon will be held at the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, at the corner of Main and Cushman streets in Monson on the third Saturday of every month from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Donations of canned goods will be given to the Open Pantry. Good food and good company. See the sign in front of the church for any scheduling changes or call the church at 267-3798 for more information.

People

Monson Savings Bank president announces 2021 retirement

Daniel R. Moriarty Sr. and Michael R. Rouette promoted

MONSON -- Steve E. Lowell, 66, who has served as the president of Monson Savings Bank for the last nine years has officially announced his retirement effective February 2021. He is looking forward to continuing to serve in a vital role with the bank as chairman of the Board.

The Board of Directors of Monson Savings Bank is pleased to announce that Daniel R. Moriarty, Sr. has been named the bank's president effective February 2021.

Moriarty, 50, has been with Monson Savings for 22 years, serving as senior vice president and chief financial officer since 2011. He joined the bank in 1998 as an accounting manager, became controller in 2002, assistant vice president in 2004, vice president-controller in 2006 and was promoted to vice president-chief financial officer in 2009.

He was born, raised, and still resides in Monson. An alumni of Monson High School, he went on to graduate with honors from both Providence College and the National School of Banking at Fairfield University.

"I am truly honored, humbled, and thankful to God for this exciting opportunity to serve the bank in this capacity. Monson Savings Bank is a special place with exceptional customers, remarkable employees and close to 150 years of tradition and independence," he said.

The Board of Directors is also pleased to announce that Michael R. Rouette has been named executive vice president and chief operating officer, a newly-created position.

Rouette, 53 has been with Monson Savings over 30 years, serving as senior vice president and chief loan officer since 2016. Michael



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began his career at Monson Savings Bank in 1987 as a teller. He became loan officer in 1989, assistant vice president-loan officer in 1996, vice president-loan officer in 1996 and senior vice president-loan officer in 2011.

He is a graduate of Monson High School, as well as Old Dominion University, the Massachusetts School for Financial Studies at Babson College and the Graduate School of Banking in Colorado.

"I am truly grateful to be working at such an amazing place with such wonderful people. He said, "I really love my job, helping my customers and working with my co-workers. I am overjoyed about this new opportunity."

"I could not be more proud of both Dan and Michael," Steve Lowell said. "These two went to high school together, played sports together and have been supporting each other at Monson Savings Bank for over two decades. They have such a strong background together not only as co-workers but as friends. Dan and Michael have

spent time together outside of work, golfing, coaching sports and even ran a couple Boston Marathons together. They will be dynamic leaders of this wonderful bank. I look forward to seeing them continue the bank's legacy of remaining financially strong, community oriented, and by meeting the changing needs of our customers with innovative products and services."

Learn about Shays' Rebellion on Jan. 25

SPRINGFIELD -- Join Friends of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, Springfield Technical Community College and the National Park Service on Jan. 25, for a day of presentations and discussion about the compelling events of Shays' Rebellion in 1786 and 1787.

While "Shays' Rebellion" is often seen through an elite perspective of agrarian unrest by western Massachusetts farmers in 1786 and 1787, other viewpoints saw "Regulators" and their long campaign against unjust taxes. This crisis was by no means simple. It has a complex relationship not only with the history that preceded it, but also had a profound effect on the young United States moving forward. From the French and Indian War

and the American Revolution to the Constitutional Conventions; from populist resistance movements to the exercise of a powerful centralized government, it may be found that Shays' Rebellion is not simply a local story with local meanings.

The Friends of Springfield Armory National Historic Site is proud to partner with Springfield Technical Community College, the National Park Service, and Pioneer Valley History Network to bring together a slate of six speakers, each presenting a different perspective on the local rebellion with far-reaching implications. Each bank of speakers will be followed by panel discussions and robust audience question and answer sessions.

The symposium will be held in

the theater of Scibelli Hall (Building 2) on the campus of Springfield Technical Community College (STCC), near the site of the largest clash of the uprising, where thousands of Shaysites clashed with militia at Springfield Arsenal on Jan. 25, 1787.

On Jan. 25, the doors will open at 8 a.m., and presentations will begin at 9 a.m. Admission is \$6 per seat, and box lunches are available for \$10. Snow date is Jan. 26.

For tickets visit the Springfield Armory National Historic Site Facebook page or go to the website at friendsofthearmory.com Contact Neil Daboul, secretary for the Friends at info@friendsofthearmory.org or by text to 757-478-9030, with any questions.

ASPCA grants \$50,000 to Second Chance

NORTH BROOKFIELD -- The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals has awarded Second Chance Animal Services a \$50,000 grant to help care for medically needy pets in their animal relocation program.

Pets with extensive medical needs are often turned away from other shelters because they don't have the resources to help. With an expanding nonprofit veterinary hospital system, Second Chance is uniquely qualified to treat these pets. The organization works with the ASPCA and a network of animal shelters along the East Coast to help these pets in peril in overcrowded shelters.

CEO Sheryl Blancato is proud that Second Chance is the recipient of this competitive grant. "Second Chance and the ASPCA have a history of working together to help pets," she said. "We have been an Emergency Placement Partner since 2013, providing refuge and services for pets displaced by the recent hurricanes."

"Last year, Second Chance took in homeless cats from an evacuating shelter ahead of Hurricane Dorian. Two cats had tougher medical needs," said Blancato, who was part of the transport team. "One cat had serious heart and digestive issues. Our medical staff

treated this guy and he got his second chance too."

The grant will help pets that arrive at the organization's Almost Home Transport Facility in North Brookfield. Pets in transports that cross state lines must meet a state-mandated 48-hour quarantine period. They get a full check-up by the Second Chance veterinary staff to determine what each pet needs prior to adoption. Their medical needs range from basic vaccines and spay/neuter surgery to treatment for heartworm or advanced dental disease, and in some cases surgery for prior injuries or illness. They are brought to the adoption center once cleared and when space is available. This ensures that local pets are not displaced for out of state pets so we can help meet both needs.

This grant will help ensure good health for pets in the relocation program, enabling Second Chance to continue to accept pets with significant medical needs. This is important because we are oftentimes their last chance," said Blancato.

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3 tax-exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in



Turley Publications courtesy photo Oreo arrived at Second Chance with serious medical issues on an evacuation transport ahead of Hurricane Dorian. The recent ASPCA grant of \$50,000 to Second Chance Animal Services will help animals such as Oreo, who have severe medical needs.

East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance's website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

Springfield Regional Chamber to present 'The Buzz About Cannabis'

SPRINGFIELD -- The Springfield Regional Chamber will host "The Buzz About Cannabis, Marijuana in the Marketplace and the Workplace," a half-day seminar featuring leading business, legal and medical marijuana professionals, distributors, and entrepreneurs on Jan. 28, 2020. The event, which will be held at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place beginning at 12:30 p.m. and will conclude with a networking reception at 4:30 p.m.

Opening keynote speaker Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commissioner Kay Doyle, will speak on "The Landscape of Cannabis in Massachusetts." Doyle is one of the five Commissioners on the Cannabis Control Commission, which oversees both the adult and medical use of marijuana in the Commonwealth.

Following the opening keynote there will be two concurrent breakout sessions -- Building a Cannabis Business and Cannabis in the Workplace.

Building a Cannabis Business will be presented by Attorney Scott Foster, partner at Bulkley Richardson, and Tina Sbraga, president and CEO of GFA Federal Credit Union.

Foster is Chair of the Business and Finance practice at Bulkley Richards and is responsible for the recent launch of practice areas including cannabis, cybersecurity and craft breweries.

As president and CEO of GFA Federal Credit Union, Sbraga leads the first financial institution in Massachusetts to provide banking services to the cannabis industry. Legal cannabis businesses are restricted by federal laws to open banking accounts in federally insured financial institutions, thereby forcing them to conduct all transactions in cash. Recognizing the risk a cash-intensive business poses for public safety,

the GFA Federal Credit Union Board created a subsidiary in 2018 to bring compliant banking services to Massachusetts and New Hampshire cannabis operators.

The second breakout session, Cannabis in the Workplace, will focus on recruitment, retention and employment in the new landscape of legalized marijuana in Massachusetts. Joanne Berwald, vice president of Human Resources at Mestek; Attorney Eric Flores from Skoler Abbot; and Pam Thornton, director of Strategic HR Services for the Employers Association of the NorthEast will present the session.

As vice president of Human Resources at Mestek, Berwald is responsible for leading all aspects of human resources, labor relations, collective bargaining, benefits, wellness and strategic planning for Mestek's 15 locations.

Flores has successfully defended employers in single-plaintiff and class action litigation involving claims of discrimination, harassment and retaliation, wage and hour violations, contract dispute, and other employment issues.

Thornton has 16 years of experience in the staffing and recruitment industry working with companies in executive-level placement and a wide variety of HR functions including performance, discipline, and engagement.

Cannabis journalist Michael Kusek, publisher of the cannabis magazine Different Leaf will moderate Cannabis Conversations, an afternoon panel discussion with five Massachusetts cannabis entrepreneurs.

Kusek, a former marketing and public relations professional and former publisher of the award-winning arts magazine Take, conceived of Different Leaf following a chance

conversation with a friend who has a passion for cannabis cultivation. Different Leaf presents content covering the people, products, businesses and issues of the burgeoning cannabis industry across Massachusetts.

Joining Kusek in conversation will be Noni Goldman, cultivator and CEO of Four Trees management Co., Leslie Laurie, regional director for Western Massachusetts and director of patient services for NETA; Ezra Parzybok, medical cannabis educator and owner of Greenglove Consulting, LLC; Karima Rizk, general manager of Holyoke Cannabis; and Payton Shubrick, founder of 6 Brick's LLC, a recreational marijuana shop in Springfield.

Beth Waterfall, founder and executive director of ELEVATE Northeast, and founder and president of cannabis marketing and events consultancy Beth Waterfall Creative, will be the closing keynote speaker. She will talk about what is next for the cannabis industry in Massachusetts.

Waterfall is credited with brokering some of the most impactful industry relationships in Massachusetts and for fostering informed dialogue that has resulted in increased public acceptance and a pathway for many entrepreneurs and small businesses to open their doors.

One of the features of the Jan. 28 event will be an Exhibitor Marketplace. Networking during breaks and a closing reception will take place at the Exhibitor Marketplace.

Early bird registration is \$60 until Jan. 14, 2020. Registration is \$75 after Jan. 14. Register at springfieldregionalchamber.com. For sponsorship and exhibitor information, contact Grace Szydziak, szydziak@springfieldregionalchamber.com

THE TOWNS OF HOLLAND & WALES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT Request For Proposals For Public Social Service Programs

The communities of Holland and Wales are seeking proposals from qualified public social service organizations that are in need of funding assistance in order to provide needed services to area residents. Proposals may be included as part of a regional grant application through the FY 2020 Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), on behalf of the two communities, will accept proposals for activities that are designed to benefit the town's residents. Eligible activities include a wide range of social services that address priority needs that were identified in each town's Community Development Strategy and by each town's Community Action Agency. Any proposed project or activity must also primarily benefit low to moderate income residents of the town(s) in which the grant program serves.

The Towns may choose to fund all, any or none of the proposals submitted and at the funding level deemed appropriate for this program. Agencies or organizations identified for inclusion in any of the grant proposals will be required to submit additional information as part of the full CDBG application to be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) by Friday, March 6, 2020. Programs funded by the MA DHCD are anticipated to begin in the fall of 2020. The PVPC is assisting these communities in the coordination and administration of their community development programs. For more information or to receive a proposal request form, please contact PVPC Planner, John O'Leary, at (413) 781-6045 or e-mail joleary@pvpc.org.

All proposals must be submitted to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104-3419 by 3:00 P.M., Friday, January 31, 2020.

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